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**ON PILGRIMAGE:** President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea arrived here for minor pilgrimage after concluding his talks with Iraqi leaders on bilateral relations and international questions. Before ending his four-day visit, the Guinean leader held a final session with President Saddam Hussein and they discussed the international situation, particularly African issues.

President Sekou Toure was met at the airport by Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, the Guinean ambassador to Saudi Arabia and senior officials.

## Peace plan speculated

## French, Gulf talks begin

KUWAIT, March 1 (Agencies) — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing arrived here Saturday to begin a tour of six Arab countries during which he will discuss regional security in the light of the Middle East and African crises.

The French president was originally due to make five stops — the Gulf states of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Jordan.

But an announcement in Paris Friday said that he would go from the Jordanian capital Amman to Riyadh for talks with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia on March 10.

This reinforced speculation that the French leader and his Arab hosts might be working toward a new Middle East peace plan.

A newspaper in Qatar said this week Giscard d'Estaing was planning a European initiative to solve the Arab-Israeli crisis and would announce details after his 10-day tour.

There was no immediate confirmation of this report, nor of persistent rumors that the president might meet Palestine Lib-

eration Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

Giscard d'Estaing, the first French head of state to visit the Gulf since 1967, is accompanied by his ministers for foreign affairs, industry, foreign trade and culture.

During the two and a half days he spends here, the president is due to hold extensive talks with Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdulla Al-Sabah.

In addition to the international situation, the French delegation was expected to discuss oil supplies — 14.4 per cent of French oil now comes from Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE and the French want to boost their exports to the Gulf.

France already sells Kuwait Mirage fighter-bombers, tanks, missiles and industrial plants.

Kuwaiti newspapers Saturday welcomed the visit to the French president, but called on Giscard d'Estaing to further consolidate the Arab-French relations by recognizing the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

## For protesting occupation

## Kabul regime executes Shiites

KABUL, March 1 (Agencies) — Afghan government militiamen are rounding up and executing members of the nation's Shiite Muslim minority, suspected of instigating last week's bloody protests against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, Afghan and foreign sources reported.

Word of the alleged executions came Friday as European diplomats reported that the Kremlin had signaled its willingness to discuss a British proposal for a neutral Afghanistan and the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

"They're terrorizing the Shiite community," said one source in Kabul, referring to the reported arrests and summary executions.

There was no indication of how many persons might have been killed, but reports received in New Delhi, India, from the Afghan capital spoke of many cases in which members of the Shiite sect were dragged from the homes and shot.

Afghanistan's government news agency Friday denied reports, circulating for a week, that as many as 1,000 dissidents were executed during the Kabul protests last Friday and Saturday. The denial, quoted by the official Soviet news agency Tass, made no mention of the latest alleged executions.

The protests that disrupted the Afghan capital last week left at least 300 civilians dead, as well as an unknown number of Soviet and Afghan troops. A senior police official was quoted Friday as saying nearly 2,000 persons have been jailed at Pul-i-Charkhi prison, east of Kabul, since the rioting.

The Shiite Muslims make up between 10 and 20 per cent of the nation's estimated population of 16 million.

Some sources speculated the Shiites had been singled out because of their possible links with Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian strongman who has pledged the support of his predominantly Shiite Muslim nation to the anti-Communist Afghan rebels.

Informants said the newly-organized militia of the ruling Khalq (People's) Party was carrying out house-to-house searches, arrests and executions in Shiite neighborhoods. Militiamen, mainly between the ages of 17 and 25, were fanning out each night after the start of the 8 p.m. curfew, the sources said.

## Sonoda in Riyadh for talks

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Former Japanese foreign minister, Sonoda Sonoda, arrived here Saturday as a special delegate of the Japanese premier.

Sonoda was received at the airport by the minister of planning, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, a delegate of Royal Protocol and the Japanese ambassador to the Kingdom, Teruhiko Nakamura.

Sonoda said his talks with Saudi Arabian officials will center on issues of common interest, bilateral relations and promotion of cooperation between Japan and the Kingdom.

He praised Saudi Arabia's policy as having an important role in realizing peace and stability in the international community. The present world situation demands peace and stability more than any time in the past, he said.

Saudi Arabia and Japan have a history of extensive joint economic projects, including a five-year program to study the development of more efficient desalination processes in the Kingdom.

During a visit by Japanese Minister of International Trade and Industry Masumi Esaki last July, Japan and Saudi Arabia agreed in principle to increase by 50 per cent the production capacity of a joint petrochemical project. A group of 54 Japanese companies, led by Mitsubishi Corporation, have set up a new firm, Saudi Petrochemical Development Corporation, to conduct feasibility studies on the project to build an ethylene plant at Jubail by about 1985.

## Death toll in Lebanon rises to 130

BEIRUT, March 1 (R) — Violence in Lebanon has left 130 people dead during the past month — more than double January's figure of about 50 — security sources said Saturday.

About 60 persons were reported to have been killed last month in clashes between the Syrian Arab Deterrent Force and Falangist Militias in north Lebanon.

Eight died in a bomb explosion in Christian east Beirut, including the baby daughter of rightist military commander Bashir Gemayel. Thirteen were killed in clashes between rival leftist parties in predominantly Muslim west Beirut.

The figures also included about seven people who died in artillery exchanges between Israeli-backed rightist militias and Palestinian-leftist forces in the south.

Meanwhile two Palestinians were killed Saturday in a brief machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade clash with Lebanese regulars in Sidon, the Palestinian News Agency Wafa reported.

Witnesses also said seven other armed men were injured in the exchange, around the military barracks on the southeastern edge of this port city.

"Elements of the Lebanese army opened up with machine guns on a Palestine Liberation army car, killing two of its occupants," said Wafa.

## U.S.-Iraqi economic ties grow quietly but dramatically

By Bob Lebling  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 1 — Despite a 13-year rift in diplomatic relations, the United States and Iraq have been making major strides over the past year in forging an unpunctured but potentially important economic relationship.

Trade between the two countries registered impressive gains in 1979. More and more U.S. companies are becoming involved in Iraqi development projects. And for the first time in years, the Iraqi government has invited American firms to take part in the Baghdad International Fair next autumn.

Pragmatism, rather than politics, is the rule in the U.S.-Iraqi economic game.

Politically, Iraq still blasts the Carter administration for its engineering of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. The U.S., for its part, has put Iraq on a list of countries that "support international terrorism."

But these differences are soft-pedaled and frequently ignored when it comes to the nuts and bolts of development technology, petroleum and grain shipments, and the acquisition of technical expertise.

Few American officials are willing to speculate that Iraq's overtures to U.S. business and industry may signal the beginning of a political rapprochement between the two countries.

But Commerce Department sources acknowledge that the new economic relationship is partly the result of Iraq's disenchantment with Soviet technology and expertise.

Also, the sources say, Baghdad is worried about the Soviet Union's political ambitions in the region, and wants to reduce Iraq's economic dependence on

the Eastern Bloc as a way of increasing its options and freedom of movement at a time of growing regional tension.

This is not to say Iraq wants to replace dependence on the Soviet Union with dependence on the United States. The Iraqis are seeking a diverse array of economic ties with other Western countries as well.

But analysts here believe a normalization of U.S.-Iraqi relations could very well be in the offing this year or early next — particularly if the United States makes a major push to solve the Palestinian problem.

This past year, however, has shown that the two countries do not need normal political ties to carry on a fruitful economic relationship.

"Apart from military hardware, Iraq can now get just about anything it wants from the American marketplace, without the benefit of diplomatic ties," a Commerce official admitted.

"On a purely economic level, restored diplomatic ties wouldn't change this situation very much at all," he added.

Last year, the United States exported almost \$442 million in goods and agricultural products to Iraq — a 40 per cent increase over 1978 — according to new Commerce Department figures made available to Arab News-Asharq al-Awsat.

At the same time, the U.S. dramatically increased its crude oil purchases from Iraq. In 1979, U.S. imports from Iraq — almost all petroleum — totaled \$618 million, up 150 per cent over 1978.

Iraq's imports of American agricultural products, which were fairly stable at a level of about \$125 million a year from fiscal 1977 to 1979, have begun climbing in recent months.

U.S. agriculture officials project that

Iraqi purchases of U.S. wheat, flour, rice and feed grains will rise substantially in 1980 — with particularly sharp increases expected in feed grains.

Iraq's purchases of U.S. rice last fiscal year, at 180,000 metric tons, were more than double the previous year's shipments.

So far Iraq has shown little interest in U.S. consumer goods, preferring instead to purchase heavy equipment and technology.

As a Commerce official put it recently, "Iraq's first priority is obtaining the best technology available for utilization in the national development programs."

The official — Karl Reiner, Iraq specialist with the Commerce Action Group for the Near East (CAGNE) — said political problems, such as the U.S. anti-Arab boycott laws, do not stand in the way of U.S.-Iraqi trade when Iraqi government determines that its interests would best be served by American products or services.

"The Iraqi authorities will waive boycott certification requirements if the U.S. product has been determined to be technically superior or unavailable from other sources," Reiner said.

In such circumstances, the Iraqis will accept positive certificates of origin for the goods — a formula which is acceptable under U.S. anti-boycott regulations.

This procedure will make it possible for American firms to ship display goods to Baghdad for the International Fair scheduled for Oct. 1-15. The U.S. government is now awaiting a diplomatic note from Iraq agreeing to the use of positive certification for the Baghdad Fair, sources here said. The note should arrive soon, the sources added.

U.S. companies have also been invited

to participate in three other Iraqi trade fairs during 1980: a Toy Fair (April 1-7), a Furniture Fair (April 15-30), and a Construction Materials and Equipment Fair (May 5-20).

Frequently, U.S. firms have found it easier to enter the Iraqi marketplace as sub-contractors to projects being handled by third countries, commerce sources said.

The U.S. contractor Bechtel, for example, is working on a liquefied petroleum gas plant project under the Japanese firm Nippon Kokan K.K.

The New Jersey-based engineering firm Lummus Co. is chief contractor in an international consortium which is close to completing a \$1.2 billion petrochemical complex in Basrah.

Companies like Bechtel and Lummus are hoping that Iraqi satisfaction with their work will lead to further contracts under Iraq's new development plan for 1981-86.

So far, indications are that Iraq is quite satisfied with the performance of American firms, and will give them a larger role in the next phase of the country's development scheme.

But the Iraqis are careful to avoid becoming dependent of such firms for the operation and maintenance of plants and other facilities once they are completed.

"The Iraqis are very technically oriented," one U.S. official said. "They want their own people to run these projects once they're completed."

To do this, Iraq frequently sends large numbers of trainees to the United States to gain technical expertise at the headquarters of American firms involved in Iraqi projects.

For the Basrah petrochemical complex, Iraq sent a group of 230 technicians and engineers to the U.S. for training.

## On settlements

## U.S. backs Arab move

UNITED NATIONS, March 1 (AP) — The United States Saturday joined in a unanimous vote in the U.N. Security Council to adopt a resolution calling on Israel to dismantle settlements it has planted in occupied Arab territories.

U.S. Ambassador Donald F. McHenry, explaining his vote later, told the 15-nation council his delegation was "pleased that the council had spoken unanimously" on the lengthy resolution. But he described the provision for dismantling settlements "impractical."

The council's resolution, adopted after seven days of debate begun Feb. 22 by request of Jordan and Morocco, also called on Israel to stop establishing new settlements in the occupied territories and on all countries not to give Israel "any assistance to be used specifically in connection with" such settlements.

McHenry said: "We regard settlements in the occupied territories as illegal under international law, and we consider them to be an obstacle to a successful outcome to the current negotiations which are aimed at a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Mikhail Khramov, the Soviet delegate, said the council should have clearly held out the threat of punitive measures if Israel failed to comply with the resolution.

## Duncan arrives in Dhahran, goes to Riyadh today

RIYADH, March 1 (R) — U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan arrived in Dhahran Saturday at the start of a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he will discuss buying oil for American strategic reserves.

U.S. diplomats in Riyadh contacted by telephone from Bahrain said Duncan would have talks with senior officials of the Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco), the four-company American consortium which is the main operator of Saudi Arabia's oil fields.

They said Duncan would fly to Riyadh Sunday for talks with Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Energy Department said in Washington Duncan would discuss a resumption of sales of oil for stockpiling in the U.S.

Opposition to stockpiling has been strong among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

According to reports Duncan was advised before his departure that Saudi Arabia leaders were hopeful the administration would postpone its plans to speed over one billion dollars for additional reserve oil in fiscal 1981.

The Saudi leadership has long believed that substantial U.S. strategic petroleum reserve would lure American officials into a false sense of security and delay serious U.S. action on solving the Middle East's most important issue, the Palestinian problem, sources said.

Saudi leaders sympathetic to America's energy problems urged the delay in reserve oil purchases "as a favor in consideration of long-term needs of the United States for oil from Saudi Arabia," the New York Times reported Friday.

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## Saud Al Faisal

## Rifts will not weaken Arab unity

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Prince Saud Al Faisal has reaffirmed that Arab problems should be handled within an Arab framework. In a statement published Saturday by *Al Medina*, Prince Saud said that inter-Arab differences will not weaken Arab unity for encountering external challenges.

He said the region is vital to international policy and other forces are trying to interfere and exploit internal problems.

"The Arab countries' quick response of an emergency meeting" to solve the Tunisian-Libyan problem is evidence of Arab unity and solidarity. We are convinced that there is no foreign interference in this problem," he said.



Prince Saud Al-Faisal  
The Prince expressed his hope that the decision adopted unanimously by the Arab

foreign ministers will solve the problem within an Arab framework maintaining the interests of the concerned countries in particular and the Arab nation in general.

Asked whether approval of the League's council on the decision is a reply to the incident, he said that all Arab countries believe in the principle of non-interference in the affairs of any Arab country. The Prince reaffirmed that Arab relations are built on the basis of mutual understanding.

"The decision is devoid of any bias. It implies the desire to solve Arab problems without any alignment. The most important item of the decision is its concentration to find formulas to settle any Arab differences," Prince Saud added.

He concluded his statement saying that keeping the conference open is an indicator of its success.

By Nahda  
Ittihad beaten for second time

By Munir Muhammad

JEDDAH, March 1 — Ittihad of Jeddah was beaten in Jeddah Friday night by Nahda of Dammam 2-0. It was the second defeat for Ittihad and the second win for Nahda which rose to the fifth place. Ittihad remained third, only a point above Ahli.

Ahli revived hopes for league contention after winning against Nasr last week, but was defeated by Hilal Friday. So far Hilal has undisputed lead of the league. It will play against Ittifaq in Dammam Thursday, considered an easy win, which will increase its lead to 22 points.

Nasr, second rated so far, played against Wahda of Mecca Thursday. It won contributing two points to its 17 points.

Ohod surprised Qadisiya Friday by winning 1-0 in Medina, and Shabab defeated Ittifaq in Dammam.

Ittihad was leading the league two weeks ago, but lost against Ittifaq and gave the lead

to Nasr who was defeated by Ahli last week. Hilal, which was moving cautiously sprang suddenly.

Nasr and Ittihad will meet in Riyadh Friday, for a decisive game. Ahli and Hilal appear headed for easy wins next week.

## Results

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Qadisiya	13	3	4	6	10
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Standings at the end of the 13th week of the football league.

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## Egyptian soccer team not invited

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — An official of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation has denied press reports that Qadisiya club has invited Ahli of Egypt to the Kingdom.

Abdul Rahman Al-Daham, a member of the federation said Saturday that the recent rumors were "untrue and unfounded". "Nothing of the kind had taken place," he said.

Al-Jazirah quoted an official from Qadisiya Friday as saying that the club sent invitation to several soccer clubs, including the Egyptian Ahli.

The sports supervisor of Qadisiya, Abdullah Qassim, said that payment for the Egyptians had not been mentioned, but a condition was set that Ahli comes with all its stars.

## School contracts for Hasa signed

HASA, March 1 (SPA) — The General Directorate of Education of the Eastern Province Saturday awarded contracts worth SR49 million for construction of seven schools in the area.

## Ex-mayor warns of Zionist plans in Jerusalem

DAMMAM, March 1 (SPA) — Former mayor of occupied Jerusalem Roohi Al-Khatib says Israel's subversive activities against Islamic and Christian holy places are part of a large Zionist plot to obliterate Arab and Islamic sites.

In an interview published by *Al-Yom* Saturday, Khatib said that the Islamic Organization and the Department of Muslim Endowments of Jerusalem had four important documents containing details on Israeli excavations of the southern wall of the Holy Aqsa Mosque. Each of these documents, he added, poses a threat to the Aqsa Mosque, the southern and western walls and the endowed properties over and around them.

The Jerusalem mayor said these documents are reports on Israeli diggings around the mosque, on the delay in closing the passages underneath the southern wall as well as a strong protest and denunciation by the Chairman of the Islamic Organization and the Chairman of the Department of Muslim Endowments.

He said Israeli authorities were apparently expanding the area of Jerusalem, but inwardly they were trying to annex nine Arab towns and 60 villages, bringing nearly 250,000 Arabs under their domination.

Khatib added that these documents require great attention and cooperation. He urged responsible men in Arab and Islamic states to take a swift and unified step to put an end to continuous assaults by the Israeli authorities.

## Three merchants fined SR15,000

RIYADH, March 1, (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif has ordered that three merchants from Riyadh and Taif be fined a total of SR15,000, publish their punishment in a local newspaper at their expense and one of them be locked up for three days.

The discipline is based on a report by the minister of commerce, Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, that said the merchants have committed offenses against the rules of supply which call for marking prices on goods and not charging unreasonable rates in comparison to the real cost of goods.



TRADE TALKS: Solaiman Al-Zamil (right), a director of the Zamil Group of companies, with C.M. Cairns, the managing director of a leading New Zealand manufacturing company, Alex Harvey Industries (AHI), after a business meeting in Auckland recently. R.B. Gregory, managing director of Contact Marketing Ltd., Bahrain, who accompanied Zamil to New Zealand as AHI's exclusive agent is also seen above. Zamil held a series of business meetings with AHI executives, which he described as informative and helpful now that "a significant trading relationship has been built up" between the companies. AHI is one of the largest and most diversified manufacturers of industrial products in New Zealand. The Zamil Group operates in a wide field of activities throughout Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and has been trading with AHI for five years.

## Training course for security men opened

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Public Security Chief, Gen. Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, Saturday opened a new course on public security, traffic, computer and typing at the Personnel Institute here.

In a speech, he urged youths to arm themselves with science and culture and called upon security men to widen their security sciences and develop new theories.

Gen. Al-Sheikh inspected various sections of the institute and conferred with the teaching corps.

Violators Warned  
Meanwhile, the Public Security Department Saturday ordered all civil servants and military men to cease driving taxis or face penalties. The Council of Ministers had decided to take this action to prevent state

officials from operating taxis.

The department also ordered garage owners not to paint cars without police permission or their shops would be closed. Cars that should be painted will be designed with a special black sign by the department.

Following the decision, Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh instructed Col. Muhammad ibn Raja Al-Harbi, the head of the General Traffic Department, to launch a nationwide campaign to identify taxis, determine which belong to state officials and carry out the instructions of the minister of interior.

Such cars will be taken to the traffic department to receive the black mark that would ban them from being used until they are sold. Garages are advised not to repair them.

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## Fahd okays scale for graduates

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has approved a Cabinet decision on religious fundamentals college graduates to be appointed to the Council for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice at the starting salary scale of the seventh grade.

Acting in his capacity as chairman of the Civil Service Board, Prince Fahd also approved the Cabinet's ruling that Sharia college graduates be appointed to the council at the second salary scale of the sixth grade.

The degree is applicable to all qualified staff when they are transferred to other government departments. The new rules are not applicable to virtue promotion and vice eradication staff who have attained the seventh grade.

The Civil Service Bureau is now required to conduct a thorough study of the status of religious positions and submit the results to the Civil Service Board.

Prince Fahd also approved a decree equating the Public Institute of Administration's certificate of regulations study with four years of service in judicial functions. This came from the Cabinet's knowledge of the bureau of Grievances' need for qualified personnel.

Prince Fahd also approved a third decree equating that Saudi teaching staff at the intermediate colleges of the Ministry of Education be treated equally with Saudi university staff regarding appointments, promotions, salaries, allowances and gratuities.



Bangladesh vice president, Abdus Sattar.

## Bangladesh leader leaves

JEDDAH, March 1 (SPA) — Bangladesh Vice President Justice Abdus Sattar left here Friday for his country after a short visit during which he performed the minor pilgrimage and visited the holy Prophet's mosque in Medina.

He was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Hemayun Rasheed the Bangladeshi ambassador to the Kingdom and other senior officials.

## Education Department opened

JEDDAH, March 1 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mubasek dedicated the new building of the General Education Department of the Western Province, Saturday.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, director general of education for the Western Province, and school principals in the area.

Prince Saud hailed the role of teachers in producing new generations of learned persons, and lauded the state for its efforts to give everyone a chance to learn and catch up with progress. He dwelt at length on the gigantic projects carried out by the Ministry of Education for this purpose.

Zaid said that the new building contains nearly 100 rooms, a mosque, three warehouses, an exhibition hall for arts training, a conference hall containing more than 400 seats, and car parks outside.

He said that the General Education Department alone was manned by 447 persons, while the Mecca education department had 400 persons. Taif department 499. Rabegh supervision bureau had 56, and

Al-Layth control office had 12. He added that there were 1,419 education officials in the Western Province, without counting the teachers and principals who number 8,227 and serve 160 schools in Jeddah, 169 in Mecca, 291 in Taif, 32 in Rabegh, and 76 in Al-Layth.

According to last year's statistics, 728 day schools and 285 adult education evening schools were attended by more than 170,000 students. The number is greater right now, he stressed.

There are two intermediate teacher training schools in the area for primary education — in Mecca and Taif. A science and mathematics center in Taif trains teachers on various subjects. All this is in addition to the model industrial institute in Jeddah, the Higher Institute for Financial and Commercial Sciences in Jeddah, the Secondary Commercial Schools in Jeddah and Taif, the Secondary Vocational Training School in Taif, the Lighthouse Institute in Mecca, and the intellectual education institutes for students of both sexes in Jeddah.

## Youth urged to afforest Kingdom

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam bin Abdul Aziz attended Saturday's celebrations for the third plant-a-week week with more than 550 youths from various government departments.

He urged Saudi youths to devote more effort toward planting trees throughout the Kingdom. "The tree plays a vital role in beautifying the environment and keeping the weather pleasant," he said.

Dr. Saleh Al-Malek, deputy rural and municipal minister, spoke of his ministry's projects for the forestation of Riyadh. Muhammad Ali Macci, deputy water and agriculture minister for agricultural affairs also spoke of his ministry's desire to plant trees in all areas where climate conditions are encouraging.

After the ceremonies, Prince Sattam planted the first palm tree, followed by youths trees in places chosen by the sponsoring committee.

The ministers of water and agriculture, education, rural and municipal affairs, the national guard, youth welfare presidency, universities of Riyadh and Islamic Muhammad bin Saud and the governorate of Riyadh are all participating in this week.

HOFOUF, March 1 (SPA) — A French agriculture delegation visited this area Saturday and inspected an irrigation and drainage project, and a plan to halt the advance of sand.

The delegation expressed its admiration for progress made in the area as a result of the

efforts of the officials concerned.

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## South Korean minister seeks expanded links

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — South Korean Energy and Resources Minister Yang Yoo Sae held talks here Saturday with Saudi Arabian leaders on expanded cooperation in various fields.

The minister, who arrived Friday is on his second Middle East tour in less than two months to ensure crude oil supplies for South Korea, which imported 98 per cent of its requirements from the region last year.

Saudi Arabia is the first stop in the minister's two-week tour of the region.

Sae also visited the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu Saturday where he was received by Prince Abdullah bin Faisal bin Turki, deputy general manager for technical affairs of the commission.

Sae, accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Planning and the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, inspected an exhibit organized by the Korean Development Institute that displayed development of manpower in the Jubail and Yanbu projects.

Prince Abdullah said that a study by the Korea Institute, considered the first of its kind, was successful and advantageous.

The Royal Commission gives training programs special attention and conducts them with teams of Saudi Arabian youth, the prince said.

Sae is the third Korean minister to visit Saudi Arabia in 20 days. The South Korean minister of construction, Gong Wan Chou, visited the country in mid-February, and held talks with Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and minerals on contributions of Korean firms in projects of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu as well as housing projects in the Kingdom.

Minister of Communications Yang Soo Yoo arrived here Feb. 23. He met the minister of planning, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, and discussed participation of Korean companies in development projects in the Kingdom.

Nazer said after the meeting that South Korea wishes to establish industries in Saudi Arabia.

## BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan is to preside over a King Abdul Aziz Military Academy ceremony Wednesday. The affair will honor the fourth graduating class of officers who have studied abroad. The 48 officers also attended a four-month course on Islamic awareness, medicine and engineering as part of their military training.

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — The fifth session of the Higher World Council of Mosques will be opened by acting Mecca Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mubasek, who is acting on behalf of King Khaled. The meeting takes place Sunday at the Muslim World League headquarters in Mecca. The council will discuss digression in ideologies, the dangers of communist invasion of Islamic nations and the continuing occupation of Palestine and Islamic holy places.

RIYADH, March 1 (SPA) — An agreement for exchange of teachers and cooperation in scientific research between Riyadh University and the National University of Taiwan will be signed Monday by rectors Dr.

Mansour Al Turki and Dr. Yen Chen Hseng. Al Turki said the agreement will boost cooperation between the universities and that Riyadh University will gain from the Chinese university's experiences.

KHARJ, March 1 (SPA) — The Tawbad club of Al-Jaz won first place in the first round of the Holy Koran memorization competition organized by the main office of the Youth Welfare Presidency in the Central Region, Kharij. Tawbad was declared first in a ceremony held Wednesday in which 25 youths from six clubs took part.

TUNIS, March 1 (SPA) — The 11th session of the Executive Bureau of the Arab Health Ministers Council meetings will open Monday to pave the way for the Arab Health Ministers Council meeting which starts Wednesday. The Executive Bureau will prepare the agenda for the council's meetings, including medical aid and help to Red Cross and Red Crescent societies in Arab countries. The ministers will discuss Mauritanian and Eritrean health services.

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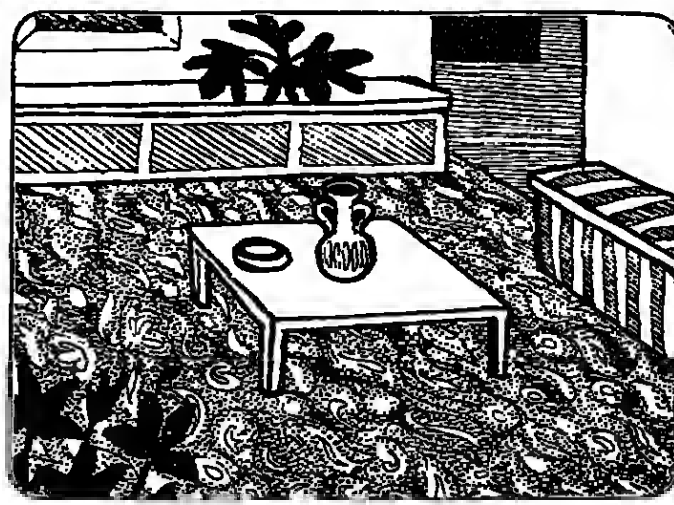
Conditions in the Red Sea will be medium to choppy, and moderate to the Gulf.

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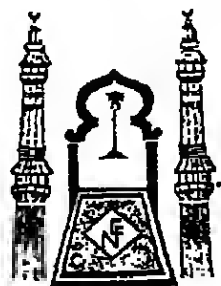
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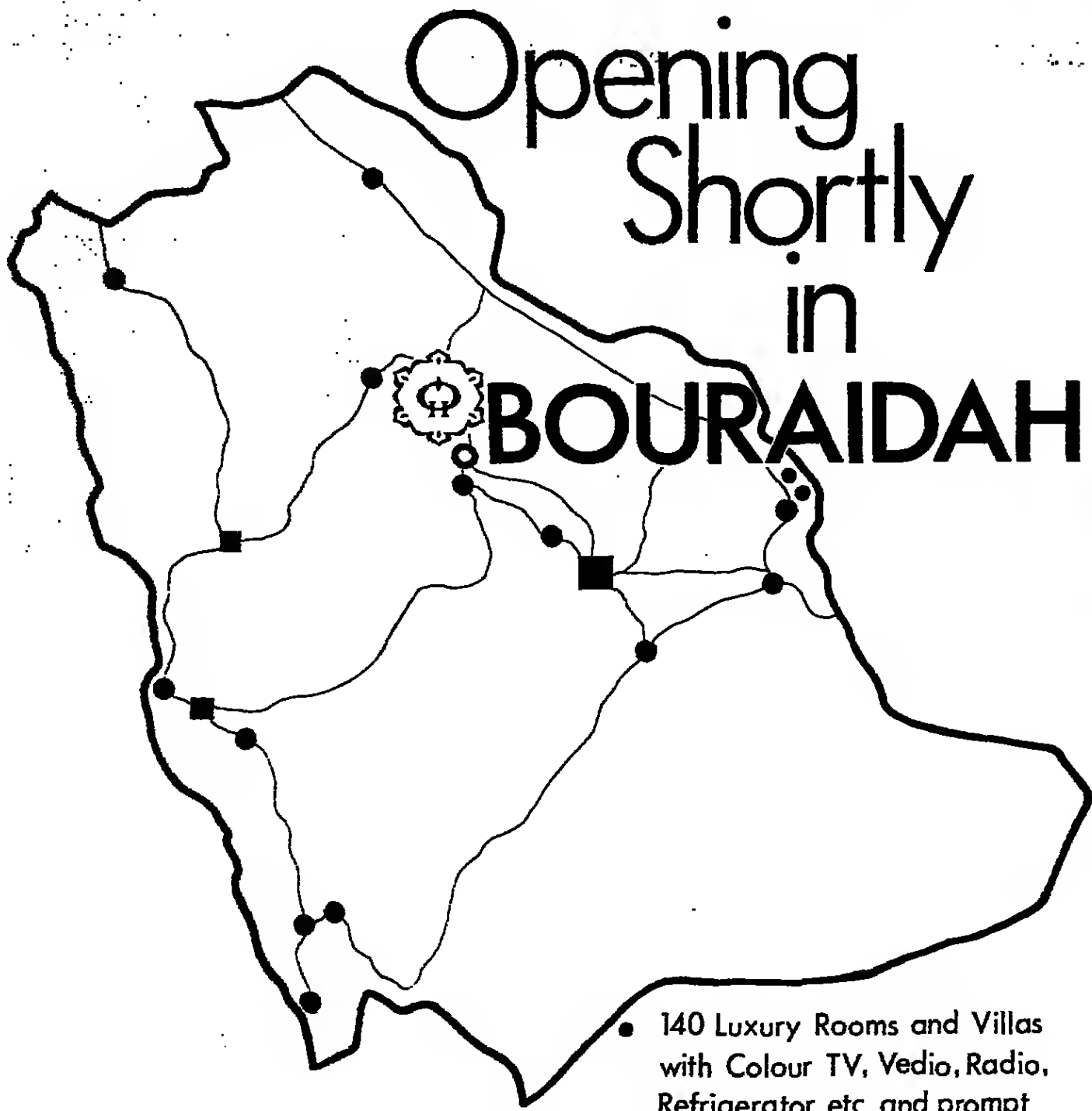


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## Tunisia, Libya rift healed, says Khaddam

DAMASCUS, March 1 (R) — An Arab League committee seeking to patch up a dispute between Tunisia and Libya has succeeded in its mission, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said.

Tunisia has accused the Libyans of masterminding a guerrilla attack on the southern mining town of Gafsa in January, in which 41 persons died and more than 100 were wounded. Tripoli denied the charge.

The Arab League, meeting in Tunisia this week, urged the North African neighbors to bury their differences and normalize relations. The league set up a committee, made up of Iraq, Kuwait and Syria's foreign ministers and a representative of the league secretariat, to oversee normalization.

Khaddam, who stopped over in Tripoli on his way home from Tunis, told reporters Friday night that the committee briefed Libyan leaders on the league's resolution.

"Our brothers in Libya have expressed readiness to implement the resolution," he added.

The league's statement after the Tunis



Abdul Halim Khaddam

meeting underlined the importance of respecting the independence and sovereignty of governments but did not grant a Tunisian request to condemn Libya for alleged aggression.

## Iraq's charter supported by Libya, Algeria

BAGHDAD, March 1 (R) — Libya and Algeria have both expressed support for Iraq's proposed charter on inter-Arab relations, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

The agency was quoting Commerce Minister Hassan Ali, just returned from a visit to the two countries where he delivered messages from President Saddam Hussein to their leaders.

Ali was one of three envoys sent by President Hussein to a number of Arab states to explain and canvass support for the charter which also deals with Arab relations with other countries.

The eight-point charter announced by the Iraqi president on Feb. 8, calls among other things for inter-Arab disputes to be solved peacefully and the banning of foreign troops or military bases on Arab soil.

Several Arab countries have already welcomed the Iraqi move.

The minister said the outcome of his visit to Tripoli and Algiers confirmed that the charter was the best way to safeguard Arab independence and freedom and "keep away the ghost of war and international conflicts."

Interior Minister Saddam Shalim who visited Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and North Yemen, on a similar mission, also returned Friday.

## Soviets training South Yemen army

KUWAIT, March 1 (R) — The Soviet Union's warships use Aden Port and its experts train the South Yemeni Army but it has no bases or troops in the country, the Soviet ambassador in Aden said in an interview Saturday.

The ambassador, Felix Fedotov, told the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyassa* there were some Cuban experts in South Yemen "but from East Germany there is only one soldier — and he is the military attaché at the embassy."

"I do not hide the fact that our warships, visit Aden Port to take on water, food and fuel but apart from that there are no Soviet bases or troops on Democratic Yemen's territory," Fedotov said.

"With satellites it would not be difficult for the United States to verify this," he added.

"The Soviet men in Democratic Yemen are trainers and advisers on weapons and in other sectors where we have given aid but they do not take part in military operations," Fedotov said.

In an interview with *Al-Siyassa* earlier this week South Yemeni President Abdul-Fattah Ismail denounced reports of Soviet military bases in his country as propaganda by the United States.

South Yemen signed a 20-year friendship and cooperation treaty with the Soviet Union last year.

## Turkish parliament okays budget

ANKARA, March 1 (R) — The Turkish government of Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel has passed a crucial test when parliament narrowly approved the government's budget for the fiscal year starting Saturday.

Parliamentary rejection of a budget is traditionally taken in Turkey as a vote of no-confidence in a government.

The lower house Friday voted 228 to 210 in favor of the budget which the senate had passed earlier.

The opposition Republican People's Party of former Premier Bulent Ecevit voted against the budget but the two far-right parties, the Muslim National Salvation Party and the Nationalist Movement Party voted along with Demirel's right-of-center Justice Party.

In a separate development, Turkish President Fahri Koruturk Friday branded as "completely false" a document sent to the

press and politicians here claiming the government was preparing a purge against members of a minority Muslim sect.

Turkish newspapers had reported that the document, in the form of a letter bearing the name of the National Security Council, referred to official plans for a campaign of "oppression against Aliwate Muslims in Turkey."

The council, the country's highest advisory body, is headed by the president.

Koruturk said it was "a plot by divisive groups which aimed to stir up sectarian differences to provoke a fraternal fight among the Turkish nation."

He asked the nation to disregard such provocations by traitors and external enemies and said there was no discrimination in Turkey against any groups.

## Yugoslavia seeking closer Arab ties

BELGRADE, March 1 (R) — Yugoslavia's state council for international relations has urged closer ties with Arab countries in continuation of the policy of friendship and cooperation initiated by President Tito.

The 87-year-old Yugoslav leader, now critically ill in hospital, last year visited six Arab countries during two tours in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

The council Friday stressed the political, strategic and economic importance of the Arab states and their active role in the 89-

nation nonaligned movement, of which Yugoslavia is a member.

The council warned against attempts to involve the Arab region in rivalries between big powers which would permanently endanger the independence and security of the Arabs.

It said Yugoslavia had identical views with Arab countries regarding the Middle East crisis and was particularly interested in developing economic cooperation.

More than half of Yugoslavia's oil import comes from Arab countries.

## 900,000 Eritreans facing starvation

BEIRUT, March 1 (R) — About 900,000 Eritrean peasants are facing starvation because of the failure of their harvests last summer, a guerrilla organization has said here.

The Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), one of two leading guerrilla movements fighting for independence of the Red Sea province from Ethiopia, said in a press release Friday that

the figure was provided by its Red Cross-Crescent Society (ERCCS). There was no independent confirmation of the report.

The ERCCS appealed for urgent humanitarian assistance to the peasants. It added that "thousands of livestock" were reported to be dying daily because of drought which left the entire country barren this year.

The conflict over strategic Eritrea has been dragging on for the past 18 years claiming heavy human and material losses.

## \$ 55 million contract

### Morocco to build W. Sahara harbor

RABAT, March 1 (R) — A new harbor costing 210 million dirhams (about \$55 million) is to be built by a Netherlands company at Laayoun in the Western Sahara under an accord signed here Friday.

It is the first major contract awarded by Morocco to a foreign company in the desert area since it was ceded by Spain four years ago to Mauritania and Morocco in the face of opposition from the Algerian-backed Polisario Front fighting for the territory's independence.

Mauritania withdrew from the southern part of the territory last summer and this was annexed by Morocco.

At the signing ceremony attended by nine members of the government, Moulay Ahmad Alaoui, minister of state for tourism, said the accord was "a political vic-

tory in the struggle to safeguard and defend our most sacred acquisitions."

The Netherlands embassy here said they had no official knowledge of the accord. A spokesman said it was "a private affair" between the Netherlands company, Royal Bos Kalis Westminster, and the Moroccan government. No foreign country has yet officially recognized Moroccan sovereignty over the Western Sahara.

The harbor to be built in the next 30 months will have 3,200 meters of jetties and breakwaters, 1,000 meters of quays, and be able to handle 200,000 tons a year of fish (the Western Sahara coast is said to be one of the world's richest fishing grounds) plus 300,000 tons of mixed freight.

## Carter voices deep concern

WASHINGTON, March 1 (R) — President Jimmy Carter has expressed deep concern for any threat to the independence and freedom of Tunisia.

Carter made the comment Friday as Habib Bourguiba Jr., son of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, paid a brief visit to the White House as a special emissary of his father.

"We have observed with deep concern any threat to the independence and freedom of the people of your country," Carter said.

Though not specific, Carter appeared to be referring to Tunisia's dispute with Libya.

Carter thanked Tunisia for its support of the United States in times of crisis and common challenge, and said the two countries had been friends since Tunisia achieved its independence in 1956.

He said Tunisia had made remarkable economic and social progress in recent years.

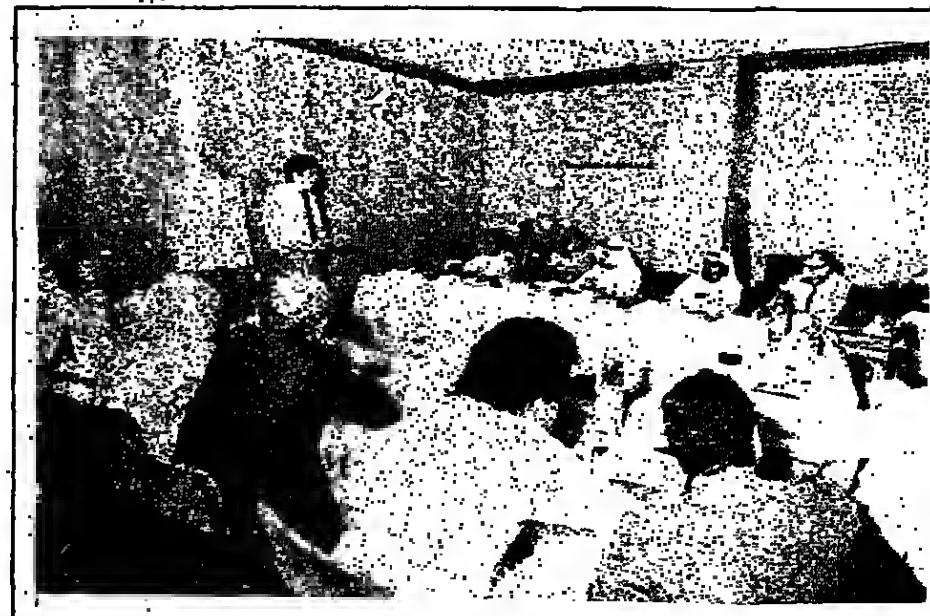
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In cooperation with Cincinnati University, Dallah-Avco — a major Saudi business firm — has organized the first (management) seminar in the Kingdom.

The seminar is part of the company's program to raise the standard of executives — resulting in more than 90 per cent Saudi nationals in senior positions of Dallah-Avco.

The seminar, attended by 40 executives of the company and a number of other Saudi firms, was designed to acquaint employees with modern management techniques and implementation of project's policies. Executives

were shown how the outside world tackles management issues as part of Dallah-Avco's continued interest in achieving the best at any cost.

The seminar, supervised by Dr. Robert Riley, professor of Business Administration at Cincinnati University, outlined the qualifications of a successful executive. These include streamlining the relationship between company personnel and the requirements of the establishment. In general, he said, the manager's responsibility is reflected in the effectiveness of the work and ways of achieving the highest interests of

the company — requiring employees to increase their knowledge and the executive to direct work with the least manpower possible.

Participants were briefed on an executive's daily problems and given means of overcoming them. Participants also discussed the effect of the individual's relationship with executives and their seniors.

Riley explained that the quality of work eventually dictates the type of work, although a responsible director is the one who outlines the qualities of his executives to ensure the best for the com-

pany.

Riley considered a personal relation in many cases as healthy for directing work, "but we should not take it for granted." He believes the executive should also enjoy the respect of his juniors in addition to their friendship and understanding.

Dr. Abdul Fattah Nazer, director general of Dallah-Avco, said the company had sent many employees to the United States, Sweden and Britain to attend similar seminars, but the company found that the benefit was limited. He said participation in a Kingdom-based seminar is more profitable

because a larger number of people can attend.

This is what happened here, he said.

Nazer said the company has decided not to send any staff members to train abroad unless they've attended seminars here and received a preliminary idea on how the discussions are conducted.

Dallah-Avco has drawn-up a five-year development plan in which a large number of Saudi and foreign firms will be invited to participate. It will also organize seminars for the company executives in the Western Province as a

step for closer understanding of administrative operations. Dr. Nazer sees another benefit of these seminars which give American and European professors a clear idea about the progress and development made by Dallah-Avco as one of the leading Saudi companies in this field.

"The progress of the company also reflects the progress of our Kingdom under the guidance of His Majesty King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd," Dr. Nazer added. "Seeing is believing — and this is best way to give foreigners a sound impression about our progress and civilization," Dr. Nazer concluded.

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## Ali announces fourth heavyweight title quest

LOS ANGELES, March 1 (R) — Muhammad Ali said he is returning to boxing and wants to win the world heavyweight title for a fourth time by beating John Tate, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion.

"Can you imagine a man becoming a four-time heavyweight champion?" Ali asked during a telephone interview from his home here. "That's a record that would stand for the next 300 years."

Ali, now 38, became the first man ever to hold the heavyweight title three times when he outpointed Leon Spinks in 15 rounds at the New Orleans Superdome on Sept. 15, 1978. He reclaimed the WBA crown that Spinks had taken from him, also on points, seven months earlier in Las Vegas, Nevada.

That was Ali's last fight. He took several months to make up his mind before officially announcing his retirement in June, 1979.

Since then, Ali had denied any intention of ever boxing again any time he was questioned about it, but the first indication that he was seriously considering a return to the ring

came two weeks ago on London. He said then he was "75 per cent sure" he would fight again.

Asked why he preferred to fight Tate rather than Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, Ali said, "Tate is the strongest and the best and I want to fight the best man."

Ali, who made an estimated \$60 million in purses from boxing, denied he was coming back because he needed money.

"The money is important, but the main thing is that I will make history. Oh, man, a four-time world champion!" Ali said in exultation.

Before making his retirement announcement Ali several times had said he had turned down offers of up to \$12 million from promoters who wanted him to fight again.

Ali declined to say Friday how much he wanted to challenge Tate for the WBA championship.

"The promoters are fighting for the chance to stage the match," Ali said.



Muhammad Ali

## Celtics defeat Warriors

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — The Boston Celtics dismantled the Golden State Warriors 110-99 Friday night. The catalyst in Boston's fifth straight victory was the green-and-white's super rookie, Larry Bird.

The victory was Boston's 13th in the last 15 games and kept the Celtics 1½ games in front of Philadelphia in the National Basketball Association's Atlantic Division.

Bird had 12 points and Cedric Maxwell added 10 in the first period, when Boston raced to a 36-27 lead. The Celtics led by 13 at halftime and by as many as 20 in the second half. In other games:

76ers 104, Nuggets 103.

Philadelphia trailed 79-75 after three quarters but rallied in the final period behind 12 points by reserve forward Steve Nix.

**Windy's chances lost**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand March 1, (AP) — Just when West Indies appeared to be setting themselves for a big score on the first day of the third test against New Zealand Friday brilliant New Zealand fielding put the game back into the home side's favor.

West Indies were 146 for 5 at stumps.

Geoff Howarth again won the toss and chose to put West Indies in to bat on a pitch that showed early life for the bowlers.

Gordon Greenidge went early to a fine catch by Paul McEwan off Richard Hadlee and the West Indies were 1 for 10.

26 runs later Desmond Haynes played a loose shot to a Lance Cairns delivery to mid wicket and was caught easily by Bruce Edgar to make it 2 for 32.

The game swung back to West Indies favour as the pitch lost its life and Lawrence Rowe and Alan Kallicharran rattled the score along before they were both out with the score at 116. Their partnership has worth 80 runs.

The Nuggets then made a late rush, with John Roche scoring seven points, but the final buzzer sounded just before Alex English sank a hook shot that would have given Denver the victory.

Backs 126, Lakers 117

Recently acquired center Bob Lanier scored seven points in overtime as Milwaukee snapped Los Angeles 18-game home floor winning streak.

Milwaukee scored the first 11 points in overtime to pull away to its second straight overtime victory on the road.

Pistons 137, Nets 128

Detroit snapped a 13-game losing streak on consecutive baskets by John Long, Bob McAdoo and Kent Benson to start the overtime. The Pistons then clinched the victory with 10 straight free throws.

Mike Newlin of New Jersey, who led all scorers with 40 points, sent the game into overtime with a jumper with 11 seconds to play, tying the score at 119.

Kings 98, Clippers 93

Otis Birdsong's 27 points helped Kansas City beat San Diego and extend its Midwest division lead to two games over Milwaukee. The Kings led midway through the final period but clinched the victory on consecutive baskets by Gus Gerard, Birdsong and Sam Lacey.

Sonics 106, Bulls 101

Seattle Guards Gus Williams and Dennis Johnson combined for 50 points. The outcome was over in doubt as the Sonics capitalized on a Chicago turnover in the first period to build a 37-22 lead.

Jazz 91, Blazers 87

Utah snapped a five-game losing streak by heating the Blazers, clinching the victory on a pair of free throws by Ben Poquette with 35 seconds left.

## Eichelberger posts lead in Florida

ORLANDO, Florida, March 1 (AP) — Dave Eichelberger posted an early 5-under-par 66 and made it stand up all day Friday to take a one-stroke lead over first-round leader Dan Pohl at the midway point of the \$300,000 Bay Hill Golf Classic.

"I was very inconsistent, but I'm close to playing well," Eichelberger said after racking up six birdies, one eagle and three bogeys over the par 71, 7,119-yard (6,505 meter) Bay Hill course.

Tour sophomore Pohl added a 72 to his opening 64 for a 6-under-par total of 136. Eichelberger had a 69 Thursday.

Third-year pro Buddy Gardner shot a 67 Friday to tie Miller Barber and 1979 masters champion Fuzzy Zoeller for third place at 137.

Zoeller had an erratic 69 that included a double bogey on 18, where he drove the trees.

"I'm not driving well at all, but my putting has been saving me," Zoeller said. He had seven birdies on the still-sunny day, but he posted three bogeys plus the double bogey.

Barber started the day at 4-under-par and went to 9-under after eight holes. But he then bogeyed four of the next six holes and finished with a 70.

Jim Colbert and Leonard Thompson were in fourth place with a two-day total of 138. Thompson started the day in second place, two strokes back of Pohl. He shot a 72 Friday, while Colbert shot 71.

In Sun City, Arizona Jan Stephenson shot what she called "about as bad a round as I could," a 71, yet increased her lead Friday to two shots after two rounds of the \$1,000 Sun City Classic.

Her 36-hole 139 withstood the challenge of several of the pros at Hillcrest Golf Course, with a group of four coming home at 5-under. They include Sandra Palmer, Judy Rankin, and Sue Berning, all of whom shot 70s Friday and Bonnie Lauer, who finished at 71.

Another stroke back at 140 were Amy Alcott and Bonnie Tabor, both of whom shot 3-under 69s.

Mary Mills, a 40-year-old, 18-year LPGA veteran, had a chance to make a big move with three back-nine birdies. But she missed a putt of 60 more than 18 inches (46 centimeters) on the final hole, taking a bogey and finishing at 70 and 141, tied with five others.

Stephenson attributed her 1-over 37 on the back nine Friday to "losing control of my emotions."

## Coghlan smashes 3-mile record at indoor meet

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — Eamonn Coghlan, strengthening himself by running cross country and road races in his native Ireland during the winter, smashed the American all-comers record for the three-mile (4.8 kms) run Friday night at the U.S. National Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Coghlan, the indoor mile (1.6 km) record holder, proved convincingly that he could run long distances on the generally slow indoor boards by racing to victory in 13 minutes, 2.8 seconds.

It was the third fastest three-mile ever run indoors. It also made Coghlan the second fastest performer indoors in the event. Emiel Puttemans of Belgium has the two fastest times, 12:54.6 in 1976 and 12:58.9 in 1974.

Nick Rose of Britain held the previous all-comers mark of 13:03.3, set at the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1978.

Tony Staynings of Britain finished second to Coghlan in 13:03.7 and Bruce Bickford of the U.S. was third in 13:06.7, an American record. Bickford broke the mark of 13:07.2 set by Tracy Smith in this meet seven years ago.

While Coghlan, the meet's outstanding male performer, was thrilling the Madison Square Garden crowd of 12,532, the fans had several other notable achievements to cheer.

Rosalyn Bryant of the U.S. twice broke the electronically timed record in the women's 440-yard (400 m) dash, winning her heat in 54.31 seconds and her final in 53.92.

The U.S. sprint medley relay team of Tony

Darden, Steve Riddick, Herman Frazier and Big Collins equaled the indoor best in the trials with a clocking of 2:02.7, then erased the mark in the final with a time of 2:01.0.

The U.S. team also smashed the meet record in the mile relay, winning in 3:10.9 with Cliff McKenzie, Tony Dale, Darden and Frazier.

Two women's indoor relay marks also were broken.

Washington, D.C. International's 640-yard (582m) relay quartet of Alice Jackson, Janice Bernard, Carolyn McRoy and Rose Allwood lowered the mark to 1:09.5, and Degan Howard, Sherri Howard, Yolande Rich and Bryant, also of the U.S., smashed the indoor beat in the mile (1.6 km) relay with a clocking of 3:41.0.

Merleone Ottey of the U.S. broke the women's electronically timed indoor mark for 220 yards (200 m) taking her heat in 23.69. However, Ottey finished third in the final behind fellow American Waoda Hooker's winning time of 24.0.

Earl Bell of the U.S., the former world record holder, took the pole vault at 18-2 1/4 (5.6 m) the best leap of the indoor season and a meet record.

Rod Milburn, the 1972 Olympic champion, posted his first victory as an amateur in seven years, capturing the 60-yard high hurdles.

The triumph by the 32-year-old Milburn was extremely popular with the crowd at Madison Square Garden and overshadowed three world indoor records set earlier in the trials.

## Stevens upsets Austin in Houston

HOUSTON, Texas, March 1 (AP) — The scoreboard of the \$150,000 women's pro tennis tournament Friday surprisingly proclaimed Greer Stevens of South Africa a 6-0, 6-4 victor over second-seeded Tracy Austin of the U.S.

Stevens' victory may have had something to do with Austin's serve, the weakest part of the 17-year-old's game. Austin held service only once in eight games and had to come back from a 15-40 deficit in that one game.

Stevens will meet third-seeded Billie Jean King of the U.S. in one of Saturday's semifinal matches while top-seeded Czechoslovakian-born Martina Navratilova will play Wendy Turnbull of Australia in the other.

Navratilova defeated Virginia Ruzici of Romania 7-5, 6-2 and King eliminated Sue Barker of Britain 6-4, 7-5 in other quarter-final matches Friday.

In Memphis, Tennessee fifth-seeded

Harold Solomon stopped fellow American Roscoe Tanner's steamroller 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the quarter-final round to the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship Friday.

Solomon will play the winner of the Jimmy Connors-John Sadri match in Saturday's semi-finals. Both Connors and Sadri are from the U.S.

In another quarter-final match Friday, the tournament's lucky loser, Sherwood Stewart, was eliminated by another American unseeded player, Bernie Mitton 7-5, 6-2. Stewart, who was eliminated in the qualifying matches, gained entry into the \$250,000 tournament because of an injury to another player. He was the tournament surprise when he reached the quarter-finals.

On Saturday Mitton will face top-seeded John McEnroe who got off to a slow start Friday but roared back to defeat fellow American Bob Lutz 2-6, 6-0 6-0.

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# Hic, haec, hoc . . .

LOS ANGELES — "Latin is a language as dead as it can be. It killed off all the Romans and now it's killing me!"

"Old schoolboy lament." After a 20-year decline, Latin, once the language of the literati, is on the rebound. Kept alive during the post-Sputnik, pro-technology years by a few teachers who lobbied desperately to keep their classes full, there are signs — admittedly early ones — that Latin is making a modest comeback.

But if Latin is back, its style is different than in years' past. To help sell the classics, many high school Latin teachers appear to have gone for gimmicks — relying not just on word declensions and recitations of the poems of Catullus but also on Latin crossword puzzles, Roman chariots in the homecoming parade and an annual Latin club banquet complete with Greco-Roman foods and teachers and students clad in togas (usually bedsheet).

"Sure, I promote it," said Virginia MacMaster, a graduate of the famed Boston Latin School and a San Diego Latin teacher for 22 years who conducts her high school class from a lecture deck with a Roman statue and two homemade Doric columns.

"My old (Boston Latin) teachers would be shocked, I'm sure," she said. "I do a bit of cheerleading. I play the court jester to enliven the class, where at my school we all sat

stiffly and recited. But I'm sure Miss Glennon would be glad to know it's still alive."

That it is alive is evidenced by the number of high school students taking advanced placement achievement tests. That number is up 62 per cent since 1975, to 760 students last year, according to the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. And since the tests are given to fourth and fifth year Latin students, ETS Director Carl Hatz suggests these students are just "the tip of the iceberg; there's got to be a broad undergirding of Latin programs" and beginning Latin students as well.

In addition, enrollments in the Latin scholars' national organization, the American Classical League, and its junior division for secondary students have begun to climb after hitting bottom in the early '70s.

However, those enrolled in Latin these days are a little different from the classics students of previous generations. For Latin is no longer just the bastion — or bane — of the Eastern prep school elite. Now minorities — and many students who are clearly not college material — are enrolled in high school Latin.

Often the focus of their studies defies tradition as well. It is aimed as much at expanding English vocabularies as building Latin ones. Nor are Latin students confined to high schools and colleges. In an innovative five-

year program begun in Los Angeles and recently expanded to eight other school districts in California, elementary school children are learning Latin along with a sampling of Roman history, mythology and Latin songs.

The aim of the program, based on similar plans in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., is to use Latin root words to help children read and write better in their native English and Spanish.

But if Latin is definitely alive, it is, in many quarters, faltering. Although Latin is generally credited with strengthening English and logical thinking, many school and college officials still consider it irrelevant. To their thinking, if it isn't a dead language yet, it should be.

The decline and fall of Latin and its present, if struggling, renaissance, has come slowly, over the last 10 years. Until the 19th century, Latin was considered the language of learning. European university teachers gave lectures in Latin until the late 1800s, when they started giving lectures in the vernacular. Latin continued as part of the requisite curriculum of American universities through the early 1920s, with some universities like Princeton for instance, — requiring four years of Latin and a couple of Greek for admission.

The 1930s brought the first major blow to Latin, educational historians and Latin scholars say, with the rise of the public high school in America. Suddenly secondary school was more career-oriented than college preparatory. It was educating not only future Ivy League graduates but everyone else as well.

But, since many colleges continued Latin or at least two foreign languages as an entrance requirement, high schools continued to teach it. Yet another event dealt Latin a near-fatal blow. With the 1957 launching of the Soviet satellite Sputnik, American schools shifted their emphasis to science and catching the Russians in the space race. When language was taught, it was likely to be modern, not classical.

Even the two most prestigious British universities followed the trend. In 1959 Cambridge and Oxford decided to drop Latin from their admissions requirements in focus on science instead.

After this interest in science came the move on college campuses toward "relevance" in education. And even if a "dead" language like Latin had some bearing on modern English vocabulary, studies of Caesar's Gallic conquests hardly coincided with the anti-war mood of 1960s students. Even some of the traditional prep schools, which had forced generations of students to groan over phrasing sentences, dropped Latin from the curriculum.

"People were not too interested in talking about Latin," said Harold Wingard, specialist at the San Diego Unified School District. "It was like talking about dinosaurs."

And that says it all.

## 7,000 works

### A book fair in Dhahran

By Staff Writer

DHAHRAN — The Central Library of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) is to sponsor a book fair from 10 to 19 March, open to the public from 9 a.m. to 12 and from 2 to 5 p.m. daily.

Two days — Thursday, 13 March, and Friday, 14 March — are reserved for women. The 7,000 books to be displayed, all of them 1979-80 publications, will cover themes in science and engineering, medicine, agriculture, architecture, Arabic literature, Islamic studies and children's books.

Ten English-language and 20 Arabic publishers will be represented at the fair which, it is hoped, will attract 10,000 visitors. A separate section has been reserved for the sale of books at reasonable prices. This fair is the second to be held at the UPM; last year's exhibition by the cultural committee of the UPM student union, at which 6,000 books were displayed, was a success which this year's fair aims to match.

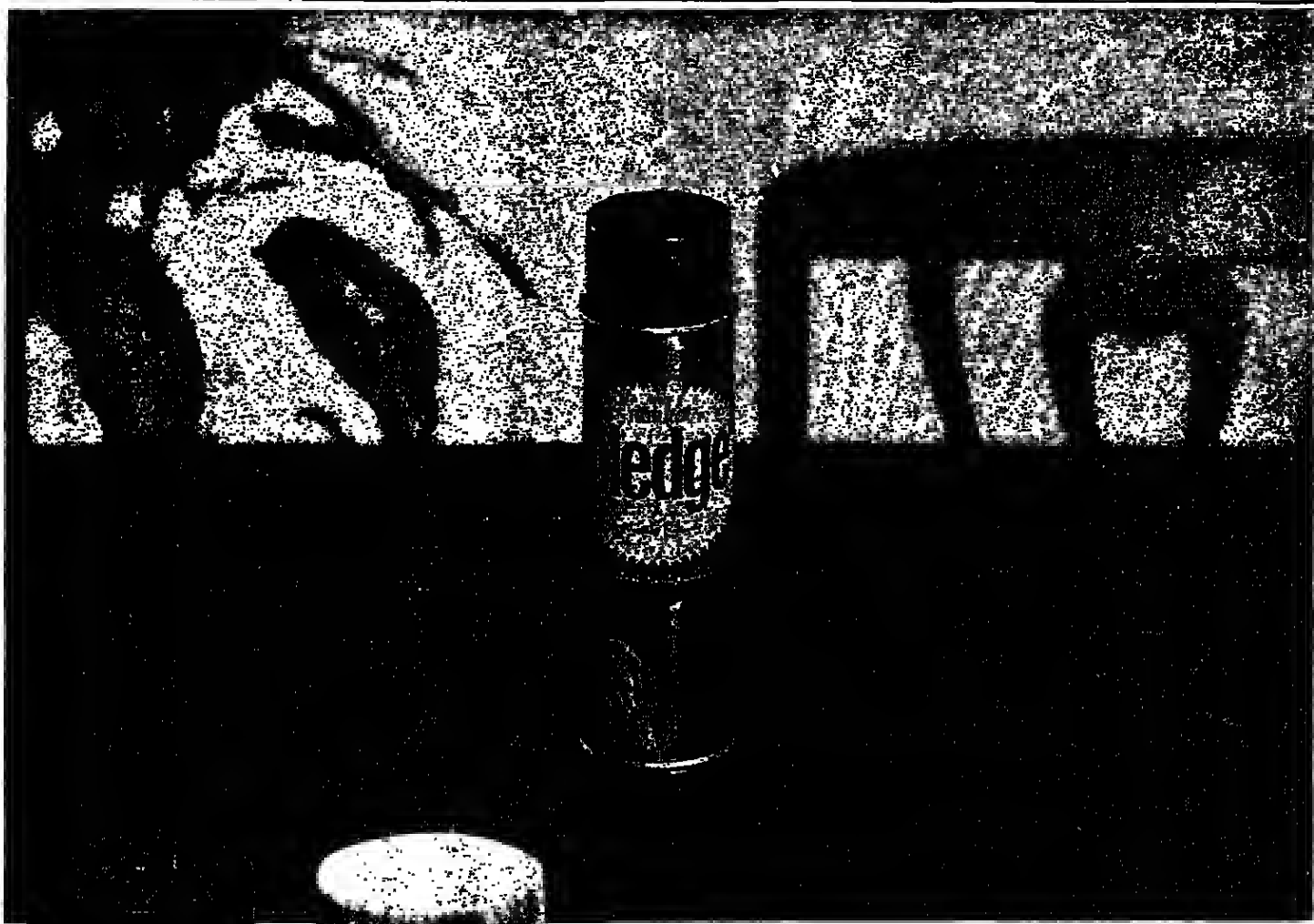
"You cannot keep knowledge from people," explains Dean of Library Affairs, Dr. M. Saleh Ashoor, who points out that UPM's Second International Book Exhibit is in line

with the government's policy of eradicating illiteracy.

The needs of King Faisal University and industrial concerns related to such enterprises as ARAMCO and those at Jubail have been taken into consideration in planning the exhibit.

UPM's Central Library, which was dedicated by HM King Faisal in January, 1973, now possesses 140,000 volumes and subscribes to 3,400 journals. One of the finest technical libraries in the Middle East, it underwent a SR 24 million expansion and remodelling program finished in December, 1978, which doubled its physical capacity. The library now has space for approximately a quarter million volumes. Every year 15,000 books are added to its already impressive collection. A task force is presently investigating the possibility of initiating large-scale automation of services.

Dr. Ashoor, who received his Ph.D. in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh, expressed his desire to extend library services to the community at large; 50 private companies and government agencies enjoy borrowing privileges in a successful operation to serve extra-university entities.



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**Khmer Rouge official says****Viets using 'poisonous substance'**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 1 (AP) — Khieu Samphan, a leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge government that was ousted by rebels and Vietnamese invaders last year, has told reporters the Vietnamese have killed at least two million Cambodians.

He claimed the Vietnamese were using "poisonous substances," artillery and tanks in an effort to crush all resistance, but his guerrillas would carry on their "war of attrition."

Khieu Samphan made the statements to a group of Western journalists at a news conference at a Khmer Rouge base in northern Cambodia, according to a correspondent for the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug who was present.

The Khmer Rouge, with Khieu Samphan as chairman of the state Presidium and Pol Pot as premier, took over after communist-

led forces defeating the U.S.-backed governments in Vietnam and Cambodia in April 1975. They were accused of imposing a brutal regime of agrarian Communism: that included the forced evacuation of most of the 1.8 million residents of the capital of Phnom Penh into the countryside with the loss of thousands of lives.

By late 1975, the historic territorial rivalry between the Vietnamese and Cambodians erupted with border fighting and both communist governments accused the other of aggression. The Vietnamese invaded Cambodia with an estimated 100,000 soldiers in December 1978 and within a few weeks had installed a government of Cambodian insurgents led by Heng Samrin.

Khieu Samphan told the journalists that the Vietnamese troops were now launching their third offensive of the current dry season.

"If the Vietnamese aggressors fail to break our resistance" by late spring when the summer monsoons end the dry season, "it is certain they will stand even lesser chances later," Khieu Samphan said. "We are completely convinced that our forces will forestall all attempts of the enemy in the next two months."

He asked the reporters not to give the exact location of the Khmer Rouge camp where he met with them, but insisted the area was "under the firm control of our forces."

Khieu Samphan complained that the world has not been informed of Vietnamese actions in Cambodia.

"I have no precise information, but it is certain the Vietnamese aggressors have so far exterminated at least two million Cambodians," he said.

**Success depends on foreign events****SALT II revival spurred on by Carter**

WASHINGTON, March 1 (R) — The Carter administration is considering reviving the debate on the new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) this spring if events boost the president's public standing, senior officials said.

Carter asked the Senate in early January to defer consideration of the treaty indefinitely because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, and many officials said chances for ratification this year were remote.

But a combination of foreign and domestic developments could prompt him to ask the Senate to go ahead with the debate, senior White House and State Department officials said Saturday. These include:

— The safe return of the American hos-



Jimmy Carter

tages who have been held by Iranian militants at the U.S. embassy in Tehran since

November 4.

— General public support for the way the administration has handled the Afghan crisis.

— A final drubbing by Carter of his Democratic challenger, Edward Kennedy, in the presidential primaries.

"We are keeping it (revival of the SALT debate) under continuous review," a senior White House official said. The official said that even before the Iran and Afghan crisis, the president was uncertain whether he could obtain the two-thirds Senate vote needed for ratification.

"But it was enough of a horse race that we thought it was worth a shot," he said. "He is still interested in it."

**Three jailed in Manila for cutting trees**

MANILA, March 1, (R) — Filipino President Ferdinand Marcos has ordered the arrest of town drainage contractors for chopping down acacia and coconut trees in central Manila.

The arrests were made Friday after the president's wife, Imelda Marcos, was angered by the sight of the men chopping down trees on a main boulevard.

Mrs. Marcos, a keen conservationist, has made beautification of the capital one of her main objectives as Manila's governor.

A presidential decree makes it a criminal offense to destroy vegetation without permission and offenders face possible jail sentences of up to two years and fines of up to 5,000 pesos (\$675 U.S.).

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**NABBED:** A New York City police officer points a gun at shooting suspect Bernard Proctor after unidentified youths grabbed the suspect on a Brooklyn street. According to police, Proctor shot at the policeman and a transit authority officer after causing disturbance on a bus. One police officer sustained a grazing bullet wound to the leg, but one other officer was shot in the neck and listed in guarded condition.

**Resumption of athletic relations urged****France reviews South African sports**

PARIS, March 1 (R) — A French parliamentary delegation recommended the resumption of normal relations in certain sports with South Africa, saying that real progress was being made in racial integration.

The delegation, which visited South Africa last month, said however, that normal relations should not be resumed in sports which were not integrated.

Gaullist Deputy Bernard Marie, leader of the fact-finding mission, told a press conference here Friday the delegation found a number of improvements in apartheid regulations in sport.

He cited in particular soccer, fencing, boxing and athletics as integrated sports with which relations should be resumed.

Answering questions: Marie said there was still racial separation in cricket. As far as rugby union was concerned, he said it entered into the category of sports on the way to integration and with which, the commission report suggested, exchanges should take place for a transitory period as encouragement.

The socialist and communist parties refused to join the eight-member delegation which interviewed more than 40 sports officials as well as political leaders.

The report calls on the South African gov-

ernment "to abolish in the constitution useless measures of racial discrimination, remnants of an era which appears completely outdated."

It adds that such a move should be made easier by the fact that discriminatory measures were partially or totally ignored in certain areas.

Marie, a former International Rugby Union referee, said he was personally opposed to "any boycott as far as sport is concerned, whether it concerns South Africa or the Moscow Olympic games."

He admitted, however, that sport could put pressure on the South African authorities to review their position on apartheid.

**Japanese fishermen rebel against 'gangster' dolphins**

TOKYO, March 1 (AP) — Japanese fishermen, insisting they were protecting their livelihood against "gangsters of the sea," killed more than 800 dolphins despite conservationists' outcries.

The fishermen on western Japan's island of Iki were killing the sea mammals with spears and clubs and feeding the carcasses into a

specially-built shredder that reduced them to pulp for fertilizer, an American on the scene said Thursday.

"The machine is dripping with blood. I've never seen anything like it," Jim Nollman of Bolinas, California, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Nollman has been in the area, near the city

of Nagasaki, testing acoustical equipment designed to scare the dolphins away from the fishing grounds to avoid the mass killings.

"What's really frustrating is that the apparatus works," Nollman said. "The fishermen have been it work, but they've decided once and for all they're going to get rid of all the dolphins in the area."

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Forces number around 3,000

# Soviets resume Cuban military action

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP) — The Soviet Union has resumed the same type of military maneuvers in Cuba which produced a furor in U.S.-Soviet relations last year, State Department officials said.

Department spokesman Rodding Carter said the exercise, "in and of itself," does not contradict Soviet promises that its brigade in Cuba will not be enlarged or given additional capabilities.

Carter, however, said Friday the presence of the brigade "remains a source of serious to us."

He said this is the first exercise of its size by the Soviets since last August, when U.S. surveillance flights over Cuba discovered the activity. The location and character of the new activity remains the same as in the past, Carter said.

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said the Soviet force numbers between



2,600 and 3,000 and that the United States still considers it to be a combat brigade. After the brigade was discovered last August, the administration declared its presence in Cuba to be "unacceptable" but later settled for Soviet pledges that the unit's size and functions would not be expanded.

Officials who briefed reporters said the administration decided to make public the Soviet activities because they feared leaks which might have described the situation as more serious than it is.

The report of the new Soviet military activities came exactly five months after Carter announced a series of measures to counter the Soviet presence.

These included the establishment of Caribbean task force headquarters in Key West, Florida, expanded U.S. naval activities in the Caribbean, the holding of marine exercises at the U.S. base on Guantanamo, Cuba, stepped up surveillance of Cuba and increased aid to friendly Caribbean countries.

A few days before the president announced these measures, Cuban President Fidel Castro said there had been no change in the function or number of Soviet military personnel in Cuba for the previous 17 years and he accused Carter of threatening the peace of the world.

Carter administration officials also briefed members of Congress on the situation. Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the new Russian maneuvers are "their way of flouting the Soviet combat brigade in the face of the United States."

Church, who first disclosed the existence of the brigade last year, said its continuing presence is a "serious provocation to the United States."

"In his October address to the nation (about the brigade), Carter alluded to Soviet statements about 'the future noocombat status' of the unit. Clearly, this hope has not materialized," Church said.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, also a foreign relations committee member, said the Soviets appear to be behaving as though last year's furor had never occurred.

He said the American people want a policy "that will lead to something other than the watching and waiting and observing and counting" the Soviet presence in Cuba.

Regarding 'unwanted spy war'

## Polish, Swedish relations hit roadblock

WARSAW, March 1 (R) — Poland and Sweden are engaged in a "spy war" which has cast a cold shadow over relations between the two neighboring Baltic states.

The dispute, which neither side appears to want and neither seems capable of stopping, has peeled away the spirit of idealism in which the two nations signed a friendship declaration and non-visa immigration agreement five years ago and has left officials in Warsaw and Stockholm wondering what went wrong.

The answer is in part a study of how the two nations, though closely linked by geography, history and culture, are learning that it takes more than idealism to surmount the very basic political and ideological barriers which divide them.

The halcyon days after former Swedish

Premier Olof Palme signed the accords with Polish Communist leader Edward Giersek in the spirit of the 1975 Helsinki talks have given way to a mood of disappointment and distrust.

There is a feeling in Warsaw that the political will in Stockholm to pursue good relations with Communist Poland has been replaced by independence since Palme left office in 1976.

"After the honeymoon, we had to get down to dealing with some of the reality, we've both come down with a big bump," a Swedish diplomat in Warsaw explained.

In the latest incident, Poland and Sweden fired diplomatic salvos across the Baltic by expelling a consul from each country.

Sweden moved first, ordering Polish Consul Stanislaw Kwiecinski to leave Malmö after police announced they had established

evidence that he accepted intelligence material from two women recently charged with espionage.

## German states give nuclear OK

BONN, March 1, (R) — The Federal Government and the governments of the 10 West German Länder (states) agreed on conditions for building new nuclear power stations.

A government spokesman said Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and the Prime Ministers of

the Länder agreed to link permission for nuclear plant construction with the creation of dumps for nuclear waste and the selection of a possible site for a reprocessing plant.

From 1986, these conditions would be sufficient to allow nuclear plants to go into operation, he said.

Amsterdam rioters destroy streets

AMSTERDAM, March 1, (AP) — Angry young demonstrators armed with iron bars and steel pipes tore up streets and disrupted traffic as police tried to eject a group of squatters from a large house in downtown Amsterdam.

The squatters hurled fire bombs from the house to hold back police lines and demonstrators moved in to support the squatters.

Friday night Police said 17 of their men were injured in clashes and some were hospitalized.

Streets were torn up over a wide area, vehicles overturned and barricades erected a few hundred yards from the concert hall, the capital's concert hall.

Triplets reported to be identical

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, March 1 (AP) — Laboratory tests indicate that triplet babies born to Rebecca Reed on Feb. 19 are identical — a very rare occurrence, doctors say.

Identical twins and triplets are those that come from one fertilized egg which divides, rather than from more than one egg.

The three girls, Alicia, Theresa and Cassandra, were delivered by caesarian section after seven months of pregnancy. They weighed between two pounds, three ounces, and three pounds, five ounces.

The babies are being kept alive in warm isolettes, where they are hooked to vital sign monitors, given oxygen and fed intravenously, doctors say it will be weeks before they can eat normally.

Committee to probe disappearance

GENEVA, March 1 (R) — The United Nations today set up a five-member committee to investigate the growing problem of people disappearing under suspicious circumstances.

The working group was empowered by the U.N. Human Rights Commission to demand an explanation from governments within 24

hours of a person's reported disappearance. Amnesty International, the London-based human rights group, has named Argentina, Chile and Ethiopia as countries where anti-government figures have vanished without trace. Amnesty's list also included Afghanistan, Kampuchea, Nicaragua and Uganda before new governments took power in those countries last year.

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SUPER STAR: Soccer immortal Pele, right, poses for photographers in a New York studio with film director John Houston, left, and actor Sylvester Stallone. Pele will appear in a new film, "Escape to Victory," starring Stallone and directed by Houston.

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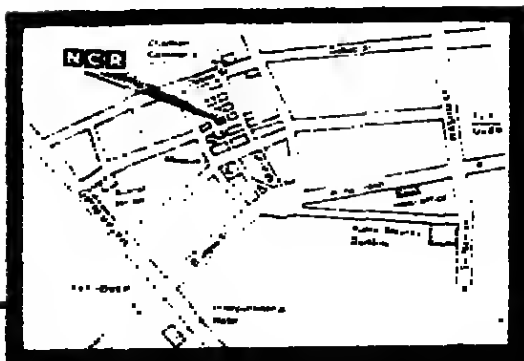
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## To fight inflation

## Carter builds 'consensus'

WASHINGTON, March 1. (AP) — His spokesmen say that not only is U.S. President Jimmy Carter against mandatory wage and price controls, but even an attempt to impose them would defeat the purpose and send inflation soaring.

Instead, Carter will consult widely in and out of government in an effort to "build the broadest possible consensus" for new economic policies, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Friday.

He said Carter's efforts to counter inflation, now running at a 13 per cent annual rate based on January's figures, will include a gathering of suggestions from members of Congress and those outside government.

But Powell repeated Carter's position against mandatory controls. "This President is not going to impose mandatory controls and he means it when he says it," he said.

Powell emphasized that "even if he wanted to do it, he couldn't do it" because Carter would need Congressional approval. And between the time the recommendation could be made for controls and the time they would go into effect "you would have without doubt an explosion of anticipatory price increases and anticipatory wage increases."

Making controls retroactive wouldn't help because "you would be dealing with

## Bahrain seeks own oil

BAHRAIN, March 1. (R) — Development and Industry Minister Yousef Ahmed Shirawi said Saturday Bahrain had decided to undertake its own crude oil exploration of onshore and offshore areas.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have offered to provide expertise and other technical assistance, he told *Al-Akhbar* newspaper in an interview.

He also said negotiations were taking place for government participation in the island's 250,000 barrels a day refinery, owned by the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BPCO), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the American Caltex oil company.

The refinery, which daily imports 230,000 barrels of light and heavy crude oil from Saudi Arabia, is controlled by BPCO, but the government markets its products.

thousands of pricing and wage decisions," Powell said. "It just doesn't make sense."

The administration continued its economic efforts in other areas Friday. The office of Management and Budget sent a letter to the heads of all major federal agencies telling them to report by Monday with ways to cut their spending programs for fiscal 1981.

Meanwhile, the United States' long-expected recession may be on the way, according to the index of leading economic indicators.

The Commerce Department said the index, a combination of several individual statistics indicating future economic activity, fell 0.7 per cent in January, the fourth such monthly decline.

Economists, as a rule of thumb, define a recession as a period of decline lasting at least three months.

Government officials and private experts for months have forecast a recession, but the economy has remained stubbornly strong.

Economists believe consumers held off the anticipated decline by running up record levels of debt to finance purchases they feared would increase in price.

Of the 10 indicators released six were down, including raw material prices and orders for new manufacturing operations and equipment.

The largest decline was in the money supply growth which the Federal Reserve Board, the nation's central bank, has been restricting as part of its policy to curb inflation.

On the other hand, increases in the average time that employees worked, a stronger stock market, new orders for goods, and some increase in building permits held the January index up.

In addition, the administration will open a new office to better use "the nation's sagging inventive genius" and fight "economic anarchy," says Commerce Secretary Philip M. Klutznick.

Klutznick said the new agency for Productivity, Technology and Innovation will "work with both business and labor to develop precise, strategically significant targets for technological assistance and to provide such assistance."

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5.00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	7.65	7.70	7.68
Deutsche Mark (100)	193.00	192.50	190.50
Swiss F (100)	201.00	202.00	198.50
French F (100)	81.00	81.50	81.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.50	41.40
Lebanese Lira (100)	102.00	101.40	—
Syrian Lira (100)	79.50	86.60	—
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.50	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.40	12.37	—
Jordanian Dinar	11.48	11.42	—
Emirates Ditham (100)	—	90.30	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.90	91.80	—
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.90	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	25.00	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	10.25	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.20	74.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	85.00	90.75	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	42.20	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.15	—
Gold kg.	69,000.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	7,965.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.91	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	117.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	173.00	—	—
Spanish Peso	51.00	51.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	82.50	—	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	46.00	—
Singapore	—	1.58	—

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## U.S. oil lottery fraud exposed; coal use rises

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP) — The U.S. Interior Department has imposed a moratorium on its public land lotteries after investigators uncovered what they termed wide-scale fraud in the oil and gas leasing program.

Frank Gregg, director of the department's Bureau of Land Management, said the lotteries had been "subjected to such thorough manipulation that the possibility of lawful, bona fide participants successfully obtaining a lease has in many cases been reduced to a very low level."

Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus announced Friday that he was suspending all noncompetitive oil and gas leases for an indefinite period while the department explored ways to correct abuses.

Officials said their six-month investigation had concentrated on five western states — Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Montana and Utah — where most of the lease sales are made.

Gregg said the U.S. attorney's office had found probable evidence of wire fraud, mail fraud and conspiracy. Officials said they were investigating evidence against some oil companies and leasing services.

No figures were available immediately on how much oil and gas has been discovered on lands covered by the noncompetitive leasing program.

Meanwhile, increased use of coal to produce electricity in the United States could take the place of 2 million barrels of oil a day by 1990 with only minimal increases in pollution levels, according to the president's Commission on Coal.

The commission, completing a 21-month study of the nation's coal industry, called for major utility coal conversion program and for a stepped up program to develop synthetic fuels from coal.

It said the current situation — where coal accounts for more than 80 per cent of U.S. fossil fuel reserves but supplies only 18 per cent of the country's energy needs — has to be drastically changed.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter has proposed a \$12 billion program to convert utilities from oil and natural gas in the next decade.

## Oil and gas stocks fever bullish market

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — The stock market cooled off a bit during February after its red-hot start in the first few weeks of 1980.

Trading volume eased slightly from the record pace it set during January in all the major markets. And some of the indicators which posted impressive advances at the start of the year gave up some of those gains in the month that ended Friday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks posted its third weekly decline in a row this past week with a 5.63 drop to 863.14.

That left the average with a minus-12.71 reading for February, in contrast to a 37.07-point January gain.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index closed Friday at 64.95, down for the week and .66 for the month.

Big board volume averaged 40.94 million shares a day in the past week, against apace of better than 50 million in January.

Still, some of the symptoms of the spectacular fever that gripped the market in the early days of the year persisted.

The American Stock Exchange Market Value Index, up 6.89 at 303.48 in the past week, posted a gain of 28.06 for the month and continued to set new highs.

The AMEX index has derived much of its strength of late from the many Canadian oil and gas producers listed there. Ian

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McAvity, a Toronto-based investment advisor, noted that the Canadian energy stocks now are selling about two times their mid-1970s prices, on average.

"The level of expectations now evident in the oil and gas stocks is extraordinarily high," he observed.

The surge of some of the large U.S.-based stocks, such as Mobil and Indiana Standard, to new highs of late has been greeted with similar wariness from analysts.

"We think it is wild when a stock like Standard Oil (Indiana) adds \$5 billion to its market value in just a few weeks," Heinz H. Biel of Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. told an investment seminar sponsored by his firm.

"A good case can be made that we have been in a bull market for some time. Our market has been heating up quite rapidly and I am not so sure that it isn't overheated already."

The runaway rise of the oils was only one of several developments Biel cited as possible causes for caution.

For one, he noted that trading activity has stepped up especially sharply at the AMEX and in the over-the-counter market. "The investment market (on the NYSE) is hot; the speculative markets (on the ASE and O-T-C) are boiling," he said.

"The market for new stock issues is getting more active and hotter," Biel also noted. "As most of these offerings are small, these stocks are hard to get, which makes them all the more desirable. No one bothers to read the prospectus. We have gone through this phase of a bull market many times before."

In addition, Biel pointed out that margin traders — speculators who use loans from their brokers for part of the purchase price when they buy a stock — are now paying interest rates of close to 18 per cent on those loans.

"Under reasonably normal circumstances we would consider 18 per cent an exceedingly good over-all return on stock investments. So what can you gain if you have to pay that much for interest on borrowed money?"

"Of course, if you expect to double your money in no time, you wouldn't care how much interest you have to pay. Yet, maybe you should care."

While the stock market has been strong, the bond market has been exceptionally weak, pushing yields on bonds higher and higher. As a result, yields on bonds recently outstripped yields on stocks by better than 5 percentage points — the widest spread on record.

Such a divergence could persist for some time, or even grow wider, analysts concede.

## Algeria will honor 1977 natural gas contract, Dutch minister says

THE HAGUE, March 1. (R) — Dutch economy minister Aart de Geus said that Algeria would honor a 1977 contract that the state-owned Algerian concern Sonatrach and the Dutch Gasunie Company for the supply of Algerian liquefied natural gas.

In a note to Parliament, the minister said the Netherlands had agreed to study various problems Algeria faced under the contract.

The note contained a report on talks between the minister and Algerian Energy and Petrochemicals Minister Belkacem Nabil held here earlier in February.

Van Aardenne said he could not disclose Algeria's problems "because of the private nature of the talks of Nebi and the confidential material."

He told a news conference after the talks

that Gasunie and Sonatrach would hold new negotiations soon based on the existing contract.

Under the contract, Sonatrach is to supply 11.25 billion cubic meters of liquefied natural gas annually to Gasunie.

Neither minister would explicitly deny Dutch press reports that Algeria wants to supply the gas by pipeline instead of in liquefied form as stipulated in the contract.

Dutch newspapers have frequently reported that Algeria would prefer to deliver the gas by pipeline because of the high cost of liquefaction facilities.

Van Aardenne said in his note that he opposed delivery of the gas by pipeline because the costs would be higher for the Netherlands than sea transport by tankers.

## New markets seen for auto companies

DETROIT, March 1. (AP) — Promising new markets with potential sales of "enormous magnitude" are about to open for the World Auto Industry, says American Motors Corp. chairman Gerald Meyers.

Meyers, in a speech prepared for delivery to the World Affairs Council of Northern California and released Thursday in Detroit, said that while a country such as Japan has one car for every four people, India has less than two cars per thousand population.

Meyers also noted that China has just "7,000 cars, but has a population of 1 billion people."

"The message here, is that the World Auto Industry is just getting started," he said. "This is a potential auto market that defies the imagination."

The auto industry is spending \$80 billion to meet the changing needs of the 1980s, Meyers said.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Directorate of the National Guard	Supply and installation of power unit and extension of outer electrical wiring at Division 51 in Deirab	31-99/400	100	March 8
Ministry of Health	Catering at the ministry's hospitals in some regions	—	500	March 5
Municipality of Jeddah	Maintenance of plants on the roads leading to the Royal Palace	30	1000	March 18
" " "	Maintenance of airconditioners	31	300	March 25
Ministry of Education	Construction of an additional power room (high voltage) at the vocational secondary school in Unzaihi	11/M	250	March 25
Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Maintenance of central airconditioning plant at the ministry	1-99/1400	100	March 17

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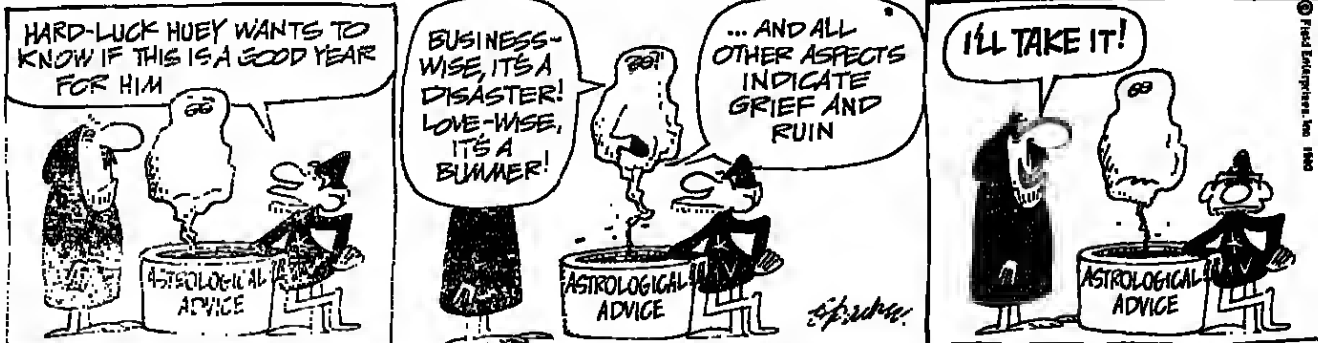
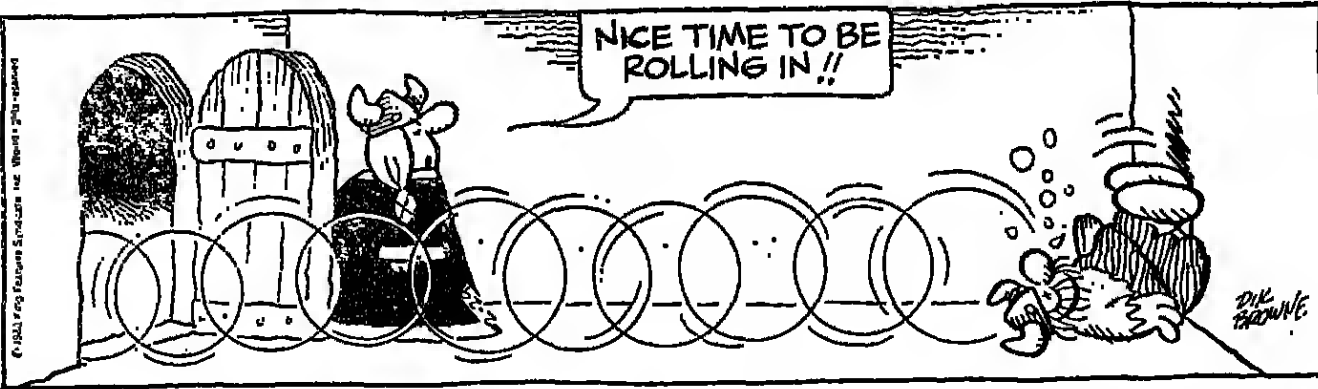
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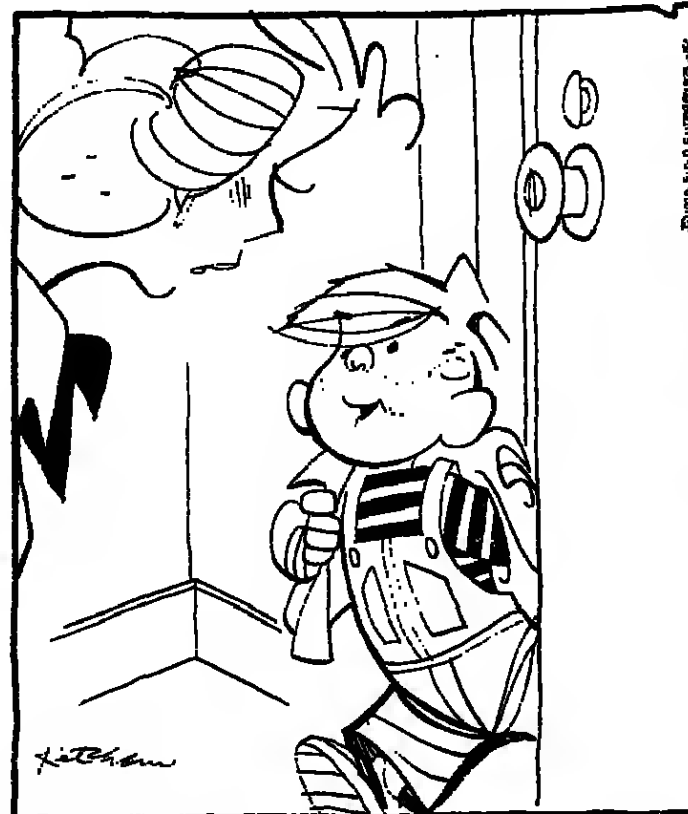
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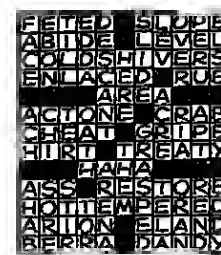


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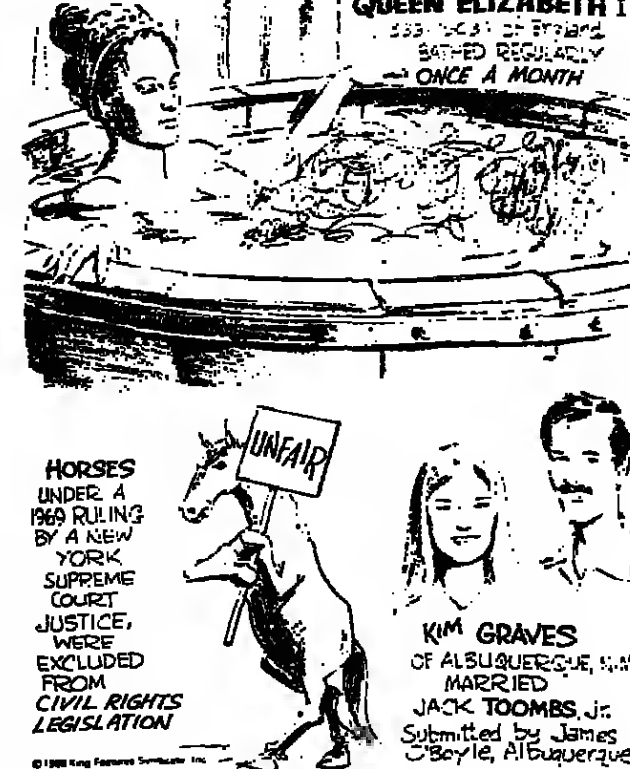
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Bidding Quiz

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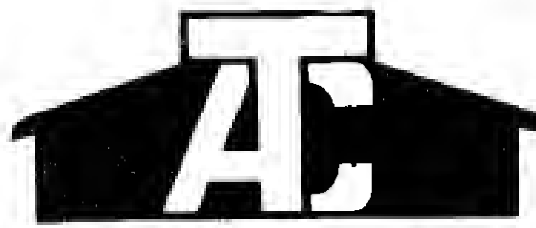
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## Demand \$50 million ransom

# Bogota rebels to hold talks

BOGOTA, March 1 (R) — Colombian government officials are to hold negotiations with guerrillas holding dozens of hostages inside the Dominican Republic embassy in a truck parked in front of the building, an official statement said.

The presidential office said Friday night that the site of the negotiations was requested by some of the 13 ambassadors being held hostage in the embassy along with other diplomats and Colombian foreign ministry officials.

It said the government agreed to the request to show its willingness to resolve the situation, but did not say when the negotiations would begin.

Twenty-four guerrillas of the M-19 movement stormed the embassy on Wednesday

during a reception to mark the Dominican Republic's national day.

The government agreed to negotiate with the guerrillas after they released 18 hostages, 15 of them women.

A Venezuelan diplomat said Friday night that representatives of countries whose ambassadors were being held hostage had held a meeting with Colombian Foreign Minister Diego Uribe.

The guerrillas have demanded the release of 311 political prisoners, a ransom of \$ 50 million, talks with the authorities, publication of a M-19 manifesto and the removal of troops surrounding the embassy as conditions for the release of the hostages.

But the leader of the guerrilla group told the Bogota newspaper *El Espectador* in a

telephone call that some of the demands could be modified. He insisted, however, on the release of the prisoners.

One of the hostages released was Costa Rican Ambassador Maria Elena Chassoul who told reporters that the guerrillas had treated the hostages well. She said she believed they were holding about 70 people.

But another of the freed hostages, Lucia Guzman de Olano, told reporters that 37 hostages were left in the embassy. She said the guerrillas lined up the hostages to count them when they seized the embassy and the total was 55.

She said all the hostages were being held on the second floor of the building, but the ambassadors of the United States, Venezuela, Mexico, Switzerland and the Vatican were held in a separate room on the floor.



Kurt Waldheim

## Bogota rebels urged to free all hostages

UNITED NATIONS, March 1, (AP) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim welcomes the release of some hostages in the Dominican Republic's Bogota embassy and "strongly urges the captors to release the remaining hostages unharmed and without delay," a U.N. spokesman said Friday night.

The spokesman, Rudolf Stajduhar, said Waldheim was "gravely concerned" because diplomats from several countries were still held there "in an alarming escalation in the violation of well established international law."

"Jeopardizing the safety of diplomatic representatives creates a serious threat to the maintenance of normal international relations which are necessary for cooperation among states," the statement said.

"These wanton acts clearly contribute to an atmosphere of fear and lawlessness, with serious consequences for the development of a world society based on law."

The statement called attention to an international convention against the taking of hostages adopted at the 1979 general assembly — on a West German initiative. It called on all governments "to sign and ratify this convention urgently."

## Tito's health unchanged, doctors say

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, March 1 (R) — President Tito's doctors said Saturday there were no signs of a worsening in his grave condition, which remained unchanged.

A medical bulletin here said that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader spent a quiet night and was undergoing continued intensive treatment.

The brief bulletin, issued by the president's panel of eight medical professors, said only, "The general state of health of the President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is unchanged. There are no signs of a worsening. The comrade president spent a quiet night. Intensive treatment is continuing."

President Tito is suffering from pneumonia, heart weakness and cardiac disturbances, kidney failure and internal bleeding.

The president is undergoing treatment at the Central clinic in this northern city where his left leg was amputated on Jan. 20 after an unsuccessful operation to ease an artery blockage, and the onset of gangrene which threatened his life.

Friday doctors said that the President was failing to respond to intensive treatment and his condition showed no signs of improvement.

President Tito's condition declined sharply on Feb. 10, after he seemed to be making a spectacular recovery from the amputation.

This week official sources said that it was impossible to predict how long he might continue to hold out. They said he had a strong will to resist.

ci's spokesman, said there was "still no word when the civilian junta might be formed," or when a general election would be held. The sergeant-inspired coup took place about six weeks before a general election was scheduled for March 27. The sergeants were unhappy because the government refused to let them form a union.

"It will be up to the civilian junta to make a decision about an elections," the sergeant said. The military has said repeatedly that it favors no particular political party but some analysts felt the left would have influence on the junta's composition.

"Most of the young people in Surinam have socialist tendencies," a source close to government, said, "and the military is largely of this same generation."

## Thatcher tells Kyprianou

# Britain to support Cyprus peace efforts

LONDON, March 1 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou that her government would give full support to U.N. efforts to secure a full resumption of the inter-communal Cyprus negotiations, British officials said.

President Kyprianou is visiting West European capitals to seek help in a new drive aimed at ending international support for a peaceful solution to the Cyprus dispute.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has been pressing the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot sides for a resumption of

their negotiations on the divided island in accordance with a general assembly resolution of November.

This authorized the setting up of a U.N. committee on Cyprus if talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots fail to make progress by the end of March.

The resolution reiterated a call for the withdrawal of all foreign forces in the republic. The northern part of Cyprus has been occupied by Turkish troops since July 1974. Talks between the two Cypriot sides resumed last June after a two-year break but soon encountered fresh obstacles and were

adjourned.

"Kyprianou came to London from talks in Paris with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing."

He then told reporters that he wanted France and its European economic community partners to join international action to speed up the inter-communal talks in the island's future.

Thatcher and Kyprianou also touched on questions concerning the British sovereign base areas on the island and Britain's recent decision not to give government grants to overseas students in the United Kingdom, British officials said.



JUBILANT: Outside the polling stations in Rhodesia, the atmosphere was like a carnival, according to one British bobby overseeing the elections. More than 2.6 million turned out for the elections — an estimated 93 per cent of the electorate. It was reported that Rhodesians bussed, bicycled and walked to the polls, some of them making treks of more than 10 miles.

## Estimated 90 per cent

# Rhodesian election turns out record crowd

SALISBURY, March 1, (R) — Rhodesia's three-day independence elections to create the black state of Zimbabwe closed after a turnout of over 90 per cent of the estimated electorate.

By 3 p.m. (1300 GMT) Saturday a record 2.6 million people out of an estimated electorate of 2.8 million people had cast their ballots for a black majority government to end nine decades of white minority domination in Britain's last African colony.

Some 22,000 Patriotic Front guerrillas in ceasefire assembly places voted, temporarily swapping their guns for ballot papers in an election that was their avowed goal in the seven-year war which ended two months ago.

Several black Rhodesian journalists reportedly managed to vote twice, washing away a colorless finger-dye with coca-cola and fueling a multiple voting scare when they avoided detection by ultra-violet scanners at polling booths.

But Britain's election commissioner, Sir John Boynton, ran a series of tests to prove that, if voters had slipped through the ultra-violet screen, it was because of lax supervision at polling booths. He said he believed it would have no effect on the outcome.

Several parties have already disputed the result of the election, charging that voting irregularities including double-voting will invalidate the entire poll.

Outgoing Premier Bishop Abel Muzorewa has indicated that he may reject the results because of what he called widespread intimidation by his two main opponents, guerrilla leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo.

But Boynton declared, "Many countries in the world could be proud of elections like these. The question to answer is not whether the election was perfect, but whether it constitutes a free expression of the will of the people of Zimbabwe about their future."

British Governor Lord Soames has said he

believes the elections will produce a government reflecting the will of black Rhodesians. A British Parliamentary observer group gave the governor valuable ammunition against parties arguing that the vote was unfair.

"We conclude that the election results will fairly reflect the general wish of the Zimbabwean electorate," the 10-member bi-partisan group said.

Its report was the first to be issued by any of the observers monitoring the British-supervised vote. The group said widespread deployment of Rhodesian government forces and breaches of the Dec. 28 ceasefire by Mugabe's guerrillas had "made it difficult to apply traditional criteria of free and fair elections as used in the United Kingdom."

But it concluded, "We have unanimously agreed that the situation has not made it impossible for the election to reflect the overall verdict of the people."

## Deposed Surinam prime minister under military arrest

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, March 1 (AP) — Deposed Prime Minister Henck Arron, in hiding since sergeants took control of this South American country five days ago, has turned himself over to the national military council, authorities said.

Sgt. Maj. Desid Bouterse, who is spokesman for the newly formed nine man council said that Arron and four members of the government's council of ministers turned themselves over to the sergeants late Thursday night.

"They are now at military headquarters in one of the barracks and they are being well treated," He said they were not in jail.

Deputy Prime Minister Olbon Von Genderen, who suffers from hypertension, was placed under house arrest at his Paramaribo home.

Only two key members of the Arron government were not accounted for, the sergeant said. They were Agriculture Secretary John Kansantaroeno, who is believed to have fled to neighboring French Guiana and Army Minister Ronald Willemzorg.

Surinam's Council of Churches, under the primary direction of the Roman Catholic Church and the Netherlands Reformed Church, first contacted the military council early Thursday about the possibility of Arron turning himself in.

An agreement was reached, a church spokesman said, after the military promised "no harm would come to him (Arron) and the other ministers." All five were in hiding in Paramaribo, the capital city of about 150,000.

With Arron accounted for, the country,

located on the northern rim of South America and sandwiched between Guyana on the west and French Guiana on the east, returned to normal.

Only a dawn-to-dusk curfew remained and was expected to be in force until next week. Telex, telegram, and outgoing telephone calls to foreign points were still prohibited, but the military said those services may be back to normal by Saturday.

Surinam's Zanderij international airport was reopened on Wednesday. About 100,000 students were back in public and private schools, and traffic was running smoothly on main streets, where some 15 persons were killed during an eight-hour exchange of gunfire between opposing forces on Monday.

Sergeant Bouterse, the military coun-

*Good Morning*

By Jihad Khazen

Bored? Stalled? Things not moving? Don't just sit there. Take steps. Not just moving about the house, from kitchen to dining room, from dining room to study, from study to sitting room, getting in the wife's way and stepping on the children's toys. Take real steps — like joining the Foreign Legion, or at least a French language course. Or sit down and write that great novel you always knew you had in you. You might hit the jackpot. People with less talent have.

Or, why not write a fan letter to your favorite movie star, or pop singer, or, if you are seriously minded, your favorite thinker (Dear Jean Paul ..) Or, all else failing, put Beethoven's Fifth on the deck, turn the volume as high as it will go, and stand on a chair with a broom handle in your hand conducting for all you are worth. Just think you are conducting the London Philharmonic. But watch out you don't fall off the chair.

Or, sit and daydream. You just happen to have acquired (the details are understandably fuzzy) a cool \$10 million. You have to spend it before it bursts your pockets. How would you start? (Don't go to Las Vegas. This is cheating. Assume, for the sake of argument, that your religious code forbids it. Anyway if you go to Vegas, your money will go so fast you'll have no time to get over your boredom.)

All right. The money is spent. Feeling better now? Just the tiniest bit? Then why not go into the kitchen, lecturing your wife assiduously on the theory and practice of cooking? (Don't mention your dear old mother's cooking. Or mention it only at the end, as you duck out of the door. Listen to the satisfying bang of a frying pan on wood behind you. Think to yourself approvingly as you run to barricade yourself in your study. What a gal.)

All this and it is still Saturday morning. Of a wet weekend in London. Nothing doing. Bored. Must take steps...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat.

## Professors tell of SAVAK abuse

# Commission hears testimony

TEHRAN, March, 1 (R) — A United Nations commission investigating the alleged crimes of the deposed Shah met two university professors Saturday who said they were victims of the former monarch's political police, SAVAK.

The spokesman for the five-member panel, Samir Sambar, described the two men as "people victimised by the past regime." He did not identify them further, except to say that one had lost a nephew apparently at the hands of SAVAK.

Sambar said the commission, which arrived last Saturday briefed to hear Iran's grievances and allow an early resolution of the crisis between Tehran and Washington, would probably see the 49 American hostages at the center of the storm Saturday or Sunday.

A spokesman for the militant students holding the captives at the occupied U.S. embassy here said he had been instructed not to comment on reports of an imminent visit by the U.N. team.

Speculation over a meeting with the hos-

tages has dominated the visit of the 18 lawyers — from Algeria, France, Sri Lanka, Syria and Venezuela — ever since it arrived here a week ago on the orders of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

They consider such a meeting as part of their mandate, along with their inquiry into charges of torture and murder carried out by the Shah's secret police and security forces. Sources close to the lawyers said the students appeared to have softened their attitudes towards the commissions, a result of its str public condemnation of abuses under Shah's rule.

The panel's Algerian co-chairman Mohamed Badjaoui, spoke passionately Thursday of the "unimaginable lengths" which human rights violations were carried under the Shah and promised that the international community would hear about it.

The panel was expected to receive a report Saturday on conditions during the Shah's rule from veteran human rights activist Abi karim Lahidji, who was imprisoned during the 1960's.

## Manchester crashes at Ipswich

LONDON, March 1 (R) — Manchester United's bid to go top of the English Soccer League crumbled Saturday when they crashed to a 6-0 First Division defeat at Ipswich.

United stayed in second place but champions and leaders Liverpool moved two points clear at the top after beating city neighbors Everton 2-1.

Ipswich's resounding win underlined their tremendous improvement — they were bottom of the table four months ago — and kept them in third spot, five points behind Liverpool.

They might have won by an even bigger margin but for the fact that United goalkeeper Gary Bailey saved two penalties in the first half.

Arsenal maintained fourth place after a 3-2 victory at Stoke, while Southampton hit back to draw 1-1 with West Bromwich and held on to fifth place.

Austin Villa moved up to sixth after beating struggling Derby 1-0, which pushed Nottingham Forest into seventh place after the

European champions' 1-0 defeat at Bolton. In Scotland, George Best was again at center of controversy when he returned Hibernian after a five-week absence and taken off shortly after halftime.

Hibernian were trailing 1-0 to Rangers in Premier Division match when the substitution was made. Best did not realise that was being called off to be replaced by To Higgins and the switch took some time to completed. Derek's goal was enough to give Rangers victory and left Hibernian bottom of the table.

Hibernian manager Eddie Turnbull is later that Best had developed a rash before the game. Although not feeling in peak form, Best felt fit enough to play.

Derek was dropped from the side after failing to report for training. He has been suffering from a self-confessed drink problem.

Leader Celtic stepped up their bid for a title with a 1-0 win against Morton, the closest challengers, who are now eight points behind and have played a game more.

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